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LET THERE BE LIGHTS

Rain and reindeer — Though heavy rains washed out the annual Santa Parade planned for Sunday morning, Santa was on hand to help Molly Cikacz of Andover and Barry Burbank of WBZ-TV light the 100-foot-tall Brickstone Tree at Brickstone Square Sunday night. Molly won a raffle to benefit the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club. Thousands of people are expected to visit the tree between now and Christmas, and the Firefighters' Santa Parade is slated to bring holiday cheer to Main Street this Sunday, Dec. 3.

Photos by Tim Jean





Business surcharge remains

Taxes rise to cover budget

By Rebecca Piro

Last year's average homeowner will pay $84 more in taxes this year than last – or $7 more per month.

Selectmen voted Monday night to keep the town's tax factor at 1.26, the same factor used to calculate tax rates last year, fiscal year 2000.

The vote also means that the average fiscal year 2000 business owner will pay an increase of $798, or $62.50 per month.

The tax factor is used to calculate the residential and the commercial/industrial tax rates. The higher the tax factor, the lower the residential property tax rate, and the higher the commercial tax rate. Those tax rates determine how the town covers the budget for fiscal year 2001, which was approved in April at Annual Town Meeting.

With a 1.26 factor, residents will pay 68.5

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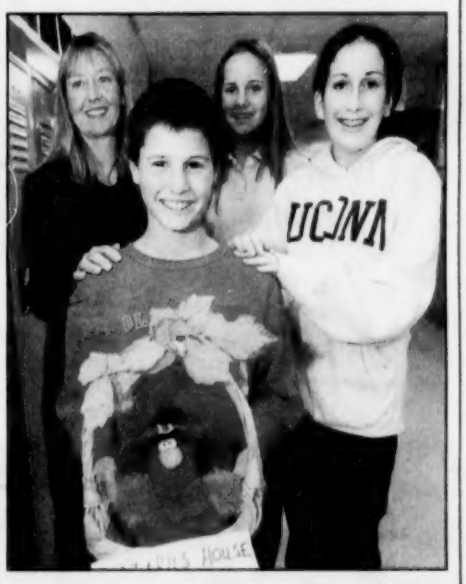


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Western kindness — Clockwise, from front, Jason Sheldon, Gretchen Harb, Ali Nill and Sam Berger are among those who raised money for Lazarus House last week. For more on what residents need, and can do, during the holidays, see page 16.

19 percent of sophomores fail math portion, need test to graduate

MCAS: Town ranks highly, but some failing

By Adam Groff

This year's MCAS results show Andover placing 17th out of 208 districts statewide according to one published ranking. However, there are still serious concerns about the number of students failing, particularly in the tenth grade, say School Superintendent Claudia Bach and Assistant Superintendent Marinel McGrath.

Beginning this year, tenth graders must pass the English and mathematics portion of the test at some point in order to graduate in 2003. But 49 Andover tenth-grade students failed the English portion of the test this year, and 75 failed the math portion. Bach and McGrath express grave concern about these failures, and about a lack of funding for remediation programs. *(See related story, page 11.)*

Rankings by a Boston newspaper that placed Andover 17th in the state were based on total scores for each school district, determined by adding scaled scores from the three subject areas in the three grades tested (4, 8, and 10) in all districts that tested each grade.

The Massachusetts Department of Education does not rank MCAS scores.

The Andover school officials were pleased that students in each of the three grades outperformed the statewide averages in every subject area, often by a wide margin.

According to tables prepared by McGrath, since last year, the percentage of Andover students who scored in the "advanced" or "proficient" categories went up in most subjects in most grades, while the failure rates in the fourth and eighth grades declined or stayed the same in every subject.

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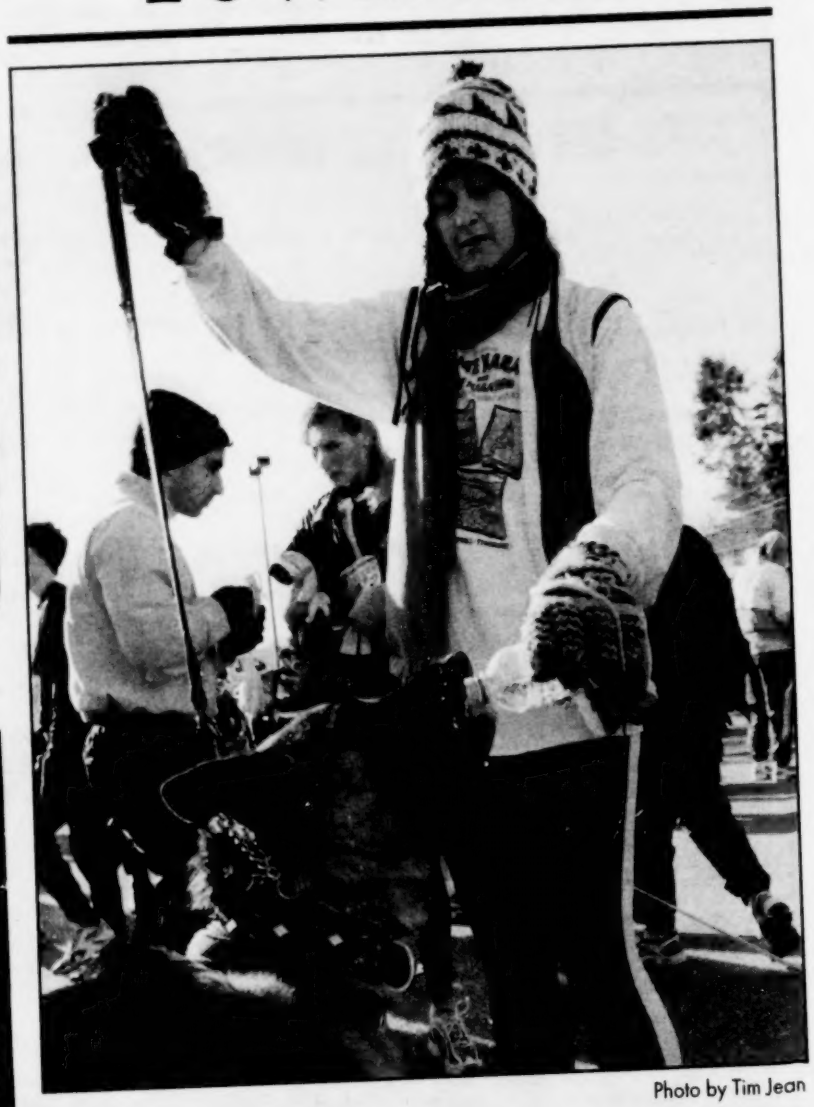


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Breakfast of Champions — Jen Bisson gives her dog Champ a drink after the pair finished the Feaster Five Road Race on Thanksgiving. For Andover residents' results, see page 34.

Assist specialist checks out

Young Andover hockey players may dream of the Stanley Cup, but the cup they've needed most on frosty Saturday mornings for the last five years has come from Mary Ellen (Wesson) McIver.

Affectionately known as the coffee-and-donut lady, McIver has cheerfully passed hundreds of cups of hot chocolate and coffee to shivering skaters and parents at the Andover Hockey Association's Initiation Program, held every Saturday morning from November to March.

But after five years of helping young rink rats and families, the Andover native has called it quits. She's leaving the coffee-and-donut business — and she'll be a tough act to follow, say hockey parents.

On cold January mornings, McIver poured about 85 cups of coffee per day,

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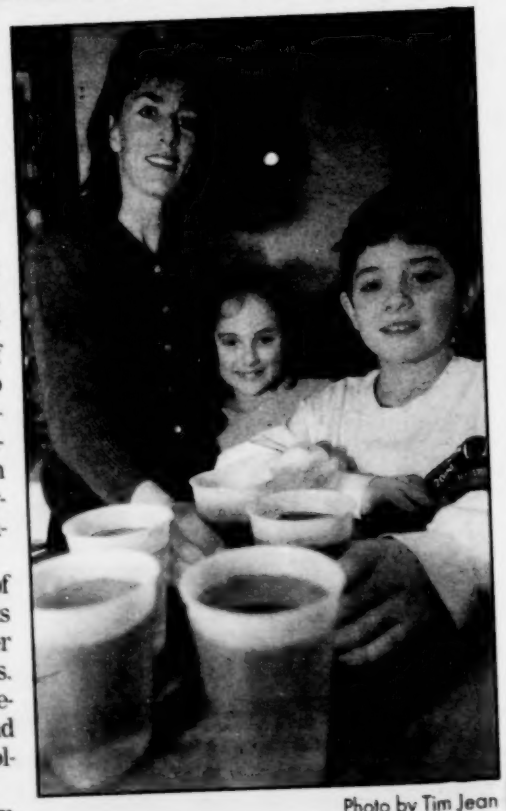


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Cup runneth over — The "retiring" Mary Ellen McIver, with her kids Michaela and Gavin.

News In Brief

The complete guide to running for office

Residents who think they might one day like to run for selectmen, School Committee or another local office can learn the ropes next Thursday.

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover is sponsoring its annual "Running for Office Workshop" on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in the third-floor conference room at Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St.

Facilitated by Randy Hanson, Andover town clerk, the workshop will provide basic information about running for local elected office, and will include a presentation by a representative of the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance.

The workshop will cover the candidacy process, deadlines, and the legal reporting requirements regarding campaign finances. In addition, elected officials from both Andover and North Andover will discuss some of the practicalities and challenges of a campaign and answer questions.

Need help wading through Title V mire?

A $5 Title V Septic System Seminar will be held Thursday, Dec. 7 and again on Monday, Dec. 11, at 7:15 p.m. and is available for the public and informs homeowners, realtors, and developers on basic requirement of the septic code, building, land development and wetlands issues.

The 90-minute program will also show homeowners how they can secure funding and tax credits (money back) for septic repairs and replacement. Attendees can bring Title V questions.

The seminar will be held at Smith Hall, Essex Agricultural School, Route 62, Danvers.

To reserve a space, call Dan Tremblay, licensed health officer at, (978) 777-2711.

Town gets new vaccine, sets new flu clinic

The Andover Health Department has scheduled a make-up flu-shot clinic for Monday, Dec. 11 at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Street from 2 to 4 p.m. The clinic will be open to all residents who were unable to attend the November flu-shot clinic.

"The town just received a shipment of the balance of our allocated vaccine from the Mass. Dept. of Public Health," said Joanne Martel, Andover public nurse.

The health department urges those in the high risk category (ages 65 and over and those with chronic conditions as advised by their physicians) to get the shot.

Flu season normal peaks in late December and January. Health officials indicate that early December vaccinations will help provide efficacious protection from the flu.

For more information, call the health department at 623-8295.



Photo by Tim Jean

More where that came from — Lisa Slattery will have more flu shots to administer, such as the one she gave to Rose Lowe at the November clinic in Andover.

Web question

Last week's *Townsman* Web-site question was: Should the town give town-owned land to a private group to build permanently affordable housing?

Forty-nine people responded with quite different answers, selected from a choice of four (not counting "Other," which no one selected). Eighteen respondents, or 37 percent, said, "Yes, economic diversity is important." Another 11, or 22 percent, said, "Yes, if homes are open only to current or former Andover residents." Only one person answered "No, unless the town has no other possible use for the land," but the greatest number, 19, or 39 percent, said, "No, this is not a priority for Andover."

This week's question is: **Does the state need a law mandating kids wear helmets when riding scooters?**

To cast a vote, surf to <www.andover-townsman.com>.

Quote, unquote . . .

"I don't have anything against the fire department or the police department. I know the fire chief and the chief of police, and they're both great guys. They were both students of mine. I kicked both of them in the pants more than once."

School Committee Member Dick Collins speaking about budget priorities at the Board of Selectmen meeting Monday night.

"Everybody thinks the streets of Andover are paved in gold, that these are the best of times and everyone's well off. I'm here to tell you that's not so."

Veterans' Services Director John Doherty talking about the number of Andover residents in need of financial assistance. (Story, page 16.)

"They made a decision that is not in the best interest of the region's health."

North Andover Selectmen Chairman Jim Xenakis, expressing disappointment in the Andover Board of Selectmen's decision not to support North Andover against the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District. (Story, page 16.)

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Government Review Committee, town offices, second floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 4

Redistricting Task Force, school committee room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Ballardvale Historic District Commission, town offices, second floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, town offices, 1st floor conference room, 7 p.m.

School Committee, town offices, school committee room, 7:30 p.m. *Televised.*

Wednesday, Dec. 6

School Building Committee, town offices, selectmen's conference room, 6 p.m.

Finance Committee, town offices, school committee room, second floor, 7 p.m.

Design Advisory, town offices, 1st floor conference room, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 7

Strategic Planning Short Term, town offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 7 p.m.

Shawsheen River Watershed Association, Tewksbury Public Library, Chandler Street, Tewksbury 7 p.m.

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another 50 cups of hot chocolate, and handed out dozens of juice boxes. After setting up her table at 7 a.m., she typically distributed about eight dozen donuts. She picked up the treats at the Dunkin Donuts in Shawsheen Square, where she had a standing early Saturday morning order.

Her customers were both rookie skaters, with an average age of about 6, and their parents, who sit in the bleachers at the Phillips Academy rink, notorious for its freezing temperatures. On some winter mornings, parents wait outdoors, because it is warmer than inside the rink.

There are stories of pucks shattering when they hit the goal posts. Both the coffee and hot-chocolate spigots have frozen numerous times over the years, along with the donuts. Lots of helpers have failed to show up because it has just been too cold.

But no matter what the temperature, McIver has faithfully delivered the goods, set up the table, and remained until the program finished.

She says it was all those rosy cheeks, red noses, and big smiles under the hockey helmets that kept her behind the coffee table.

"On those freezing cold days, it was seeing those faces as the kids skated off the ice. Those little kids would come over and say, 'Can I have a donut?' That's what made it all worthwhile," she says.

Her husband, John McIver, heads up the AHA Initiation Program and their three children – Gavin, 10; Michaela, 8; and Matthew, 6 – have participated. Saturday morning skating is a family affair as the crew heads out the front door of their Arundel Street home.

She said lots of youngsters have stopped her around town, saying "it's the donut lady," and she has enjoyed the celebrity of her important volunteer job.

One of the seven daughters of Mary and longtime Andover selectman Charlie Wesson, McIver said finding a replacement has not been an easy task.

But she is confident someone will step up and the coffee urn will be passed from one rink rat to another.

— *Judy Wakefield*

Town Meeting warrant

The warrant for the Annual Town Meeting scheduled to be held April 23, 24 and 30 and May 1 is now open. The final date to file private warrant articles with the town clerk's office is Friday, Jan. 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Call the town clerk's office at 623-8200 for information on how to obtain warrant article forms or stop by the town clerk's office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The town election will be held on Tuesday, March 27 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All precincts will vote at the Andover High School field house.

Club offers Q+A on Main Street makeover

The Service Club of Andover invites the public to attend its regular breakfast meeting at the Andover Inn on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 a.m. The featured speaker will be David Giangrande, the designer of the proposed Main Street makeover.

The Service Club says the meeting will give residents a chance to ask questions about the proposed downtown makeover, which will add left-turn lanes on Main Street, adjust the timing on some traffic lights and add signs to downtown landmarks.

Dec. 5 paths meeting

Andover Community Paths, a group actively seeking good ways to walk and bike to the Cross Street schools site, will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7:35 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library in the activities room.

The group is also investigating a proposed footbridge over Shawsheen River near North Main Street. This includes gathering support for a planning fund that will be presented at town meeting this spring.

Exam to be a cop

The Commonwealth of Mass. Human Resources Division will hold a civil service examination for entry-level police officer positions, for city, town and MBTA police on April 28, 2001.

Applications must be filed or postmarked no later than Jan. 26. Applications for the exam are available at the Andover Police Station, Andover Human Resources Department at the Town Offices and the Andover Veteran's Office.

Information about the exam is available by calling (617) 727-3777, Ext. 246; or (800) 392-6178, Ext. 246.

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Season of lights? Not on Main Street

Sleigh bells may be jingling, and carolers may be caroling, but this year the tree lights won't be twinkling – at least not down Andover's Main Street.

The traditional white lights that usually line the downtown sidewalks won't make it out of the packing boxes this year, because of money and labor shortages, said town officials.

Resident Mary Carbone of Cyr Circle told selectmen Monday night that the town should put more effort into decking its halls for the season.

"I think it's very important that we have the lights in the downtown area," she said. "We have to observe the Christmas holiday in this town."

"I was going to ask (about) that myself," added Selectman John Hess, who wondered whether the problem was caused by a lack of funding.

But Selectman Lori Becker said that the main problem is finding qualified help to hang the bulbs.

"We're a really small job, and it's hard to find a company that is willing to do it," she explained. "Maybe we could find folks that we could train to do that kind of work (in the future)," she suggested.

Next year could be just as dark, because the lights could get tangled up in renovations planned for Main Street, she added.

"Some of the trees will be moved, and some will be added," Becker said.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said that the lack of light is also due to a lack of money.

"We have very limited money in the budget to (keep up the lights)," he said. "We also have a difficult time finding replacement lights." Quality strings of lights are not easy to come by, either.

While the board mulled over the situation for future solutions, resident Michael Frishman of Andover Street asked selectmen to refer to the lights only as "seasonal or holiday lighting."

"It isn't just Christmas," he said.

— Rebecca Piro

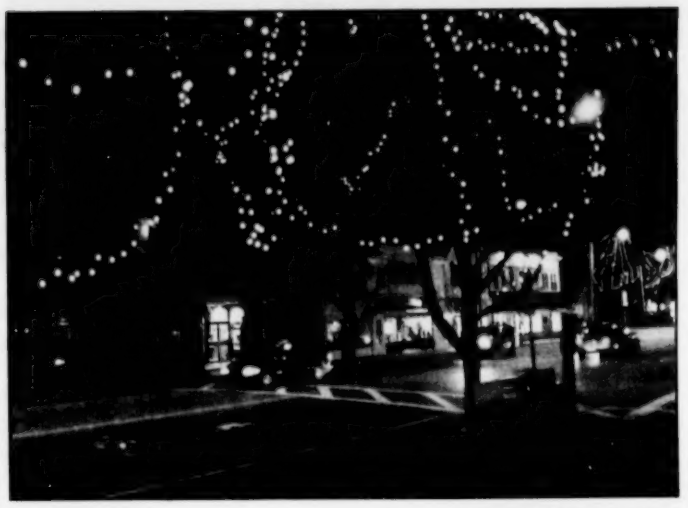


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Power failure — While Andover's usual small, white lights adorn areas in front of Town Offices, Old Town Hall and Elm Green, some normally illuminated areas of Main Street will remain dark this year.

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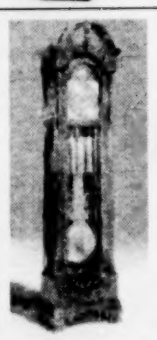


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No impact seen on safety-center construction work

Quiet picketers watch project

By Rebecca Piro

While Algar construction workers resumed site work for the new public-safety center Tuesday morning, Algar employee Steve Boynton stood on the opposite side of the chain-link fence, watching his coworkers silently.

Boynton was one of six Algar operating engineers picketing the company as part of an unfair labor practices strike, said John Panaro, field representative for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 4, based out of Roslindale.

"The (operating engineers) have bonded together in a concerted activity to picket the company," said Panaro, who declined to elaborate on the unfair labor practices.

Boynton, however, said that he's upset that Algar will not join a union and pay benefits to its seven operating engineers.

"Our boss is holding out," he said. "He doesn't want to go union. (But I) have to look to the future. Who knows if Social Security will be there 20 years from now?"

Algar operating engineers picketed another Algar project in Canton, and Algar's main office in Brockton as well, said Panaro.

Local 4 is there to support the engineers and give them guidance in their protest, he added.

An Algar project manager who declined to give his full name said that there are no unfair labor practices, but that workers are "desiring that we sign with a local operators union." He said the protest will not affect construction.

Director of Plant and Facilities Joe Piantedosi, who spoke with general contractor Mello Construction, said the picketers should not stop the project's work or schedule.

"They are informational picketers. They aren't going to stop any work that's going on," he said. "It's not an uncommon thing to see this thing done at construction sites when there are non-union workers on the job."

The town does not have a responsibility to hire union workers, Piantedosi said, only to pay the workers prevailing wage rates, which the town is doing. Neither Algar's project manager nor Panaro could say how long the strike will last.

School councils call for more cash

By Adam Groff

West Elementary needs a larger office. Sanborn needs new library books. Bancroft needs new furniture. Doherty needs more teachers.

These were among the requests Tuesday night as the School Committee received School Improvement Plans from four of the eight Andover schools.

While presenters enthused about the sense of community and achievement at their schools, they also asserted that they face significant needs.

Schools created their improvement plans through state-mandated councils composed of principals, teachers, and parents. Following a state-mandated format, the plans addressed such areas as space needs, staffing needs, professional development, extracurricular programs, and parental involvement.

Here are some additional highlights from the presentations:

The office at West Elementary is the locus of a traffic jam every morning, as well as being located in the middle of the building so that it is difficult to monitor who is coming and going. The main concern at West, however, is with class sizes, which are pushing the upper limits of district guidelines. Council members would also like a second learning specialist to accommodate a student body in which 21 different languages are spoken.

Sanborn's class sizes are well within policy guidelines, according to interim principal Stephen Jankauskas, but it has had to take over the staff room, music room, and art room for regular instruction to achieve that. They have created an alternative, smaller staff room, but it is so small that

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NaviSite sends Madonna to homes

Millions of people sat back and watched Madonna's live concert from London, England on Tuesday – from the screen of their computer monitor.

The Webcast was the first of its kind in many ways, said Mark Torrey, director of product development at NaviSite, the Andover-based company that owns the streaming video technology.

"This was the first concert Webcast of this magnitude – the celebrity of that magnitude, the audience of that size and the quality level at which the concert was broadcasted," Torrey said.

The exact number of people who logged onto NaviSite to watch the pop-queen was not known before *Townsman* deadline, but the Webcast was undoubtedly a success, said Torrey.

"This event was three times as big as the previous (Webcasting) event, (which was) a Drew Carey show from three months ago," he said.

Though some people might wonder why anyone would turn to their computer to watch a concert – rather than just flicking on the television, or actually buying a ticket, Torrey said the Webcast has its advantages.

"You're able to interact (with the program) and send messages back to the producer," he said. "You have the ability to store the content for later viewing. The interactive nature of the Internet makes it a fundamentally different medium than television."

For those who missed the show, NaviSite will archive the concert online for fans, Torrey added.

And it doesn't matter if you don't have a state-of-the-art computer. With the right Internet service provider and a Pentium computer, a viewer can receive almost DVD-quality through their monitor, Torrey said.

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some staff must eat lunch in the media center.

In addition, Sanborn is well behind the state's recommendation that at least 50 percent of a school's library books should be no older than 10 years. Sanborn's librarian, Barbara Smith, estimates that 80 percent of the library's books are older than 10 years.

Jankauskas also requested an assistant principal to help alleviate his heavy schedule, which has him at school until 6 or 7 p.m. most nights, and sometimes on weekends.

$84 more on average bill

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percent of total taxes, though they own 75 percent of the property value. Businesses will pay 31.5 percent. While assessed value did not change from fiscal year 2000 to fiscal year 2001, the budget did increase, causing the increased tax bills, said Selectmen Chairman Brian Major.

Every three years properties are reassessed, explained Assessor Bruce Symmes. In the interim years, such as this year, the town does not have to make adjustments.

"If we had increased the values, the tax rate would have come down," said Symmes. "But since we didn't, (the rate) depends (only) on the spending of the community and Town Meeting votes."

Last year, an average home valued at $313,800 paid about $4,597 in taxes. A homeowner with that same $313,800 property will pay about $4,681 this year, an $84 increase.

Until Monday night's vote, selectmen had annually lowered the tax factor since 1996, reducing the percentage of the tax bill paid by business owners amd increasing residents' tax bill. Some business owners had hoped that trend would continue, while some residents were eager to see this stopped.

"It is my feeling in general that the Board of Selectmen should stabilize the 1.26 factor and not go along with the trend," said resident Mary Carbone of Cyr Circle, who wanted to see businesses pay more this year. "(Businesses) draw from our infrastructure, (such as the town's public safety and water supply). In fact, we could probably go to 1.30," she added.

Major suggested moving the factor down to 1.25, which he said would bring closer to parity the burden of any tax increase. "I would prefer the 1.25 because it does even out the additional tax responsibility," he said.

The board passed a motion to keep the current 1.26 factor with a 4-1 vote, with Selectman Lori Becker against the decision. Becker preferred the 1.25 option.

The few residents who attended the meeting were pleased with the results.

"I appreciate what (the selectmen) did tonight, keeping (the factor) the same. It's fair," said Bill Burke of South Main Street.

Resident Kim Carpentier of Orchard Crossing was happy that selectmen did not make any radical changes in the factor, considering the operating expenses of two new schools and a new safety center will soon be added to the budget.

"Why make changes now before we know what's going on in the future?" he said.

Selectmen voted unanimously against three tax exemption options that the town has never accepted – an open-space exemption, a residential exemption and a commercial exemption.

Under an open-space exemption, housing lot owners with developable acreage could deem a parcel of their property as open space and receive a tax reduction in return.

The residential exemption could have reduced the tax burden on homeowners whose property is valued at $200,000 or less.

In a commercial exemption, aimed at small business owners, owners of businesses worth less than $1 million could receive a tax break worth 10 percent of their assessed property value.

But board members said they did not think it fair for them to give a break to one group at the expense of another.

If an exemption was given to open space owners, residential owners would make up the tax difference; if the average household got a 20 percent discount with a residential exemption, the higher-assessed homes would pay more; and a commercial exemption would only pass on the burden to industrial and personal property owners, they agreed.

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It's right to cover helmet issue

Motorists are familiar with seeing bumper stickers that declare "Motorcycles are everywhere." Their intent is to raise public awareness, so the roads are safer for riders.

State Rep. Barry Finegold of Andover wants to do the same with a different sort of vehicle — the ubiquitous scooter craved by every Andover kid this side of a BMW driver's seat.

Motors on some of these scooters allow them to travel at nearly 30 mph. Drivers frequently can't tell immediatedly that a child is on a fast-moving scooter, rather than merely walking along the strret.

A little public awareness of the dangers involved could go a long way, particularly with so many children likely to get the scooters for Christmas and Hanukkah.

That's why Finegold says he's filing legislation to require that children riding scooters wear helmets. He also wants to extend the law requiring youth to wear helmets while bike riding (or scooter riding) to include kids aged 13 to 16.

The Commonwealth is piled high with restrictions that are difficult to monitor and infrequently enforced. But Finegold's point is well taken.

"I don't think any child, whether it's a law or isn't a law, should be on one without a helmet," he says. "The legislation really won't solve the problem, but public awareness will."

On this, Finegold is correct. Parents who decide to give scooters to their children should also give them a talk about responsibility, and the dangers of "driving."

According to Andover Officer Robert Cronin, two Andover kids have received potentially life-threatening injuries while riding their scooters. Cronin was on the scene for one of these accidents and says the youth was wearing a helmet "which probably saved a great deal of further injury."

"It's time to regulate these scooters," says Cronin. "They're driven predominately by unlicensed, young teenagers who don't have the situational awareness of how to drive a motor vehicle.

"It's all about saving lives," he says.

Young teenagers with motorized scooters are naturally going to want to test the limits of their wheels, and may not think realistically about the possible consequences. A reminder from parents or older siblings about responsibility might not fit under the tree of those who celebrate Christmas, but it will help everyone to see plenty of other holidays. And if a law encourages more youth to wear helmets, then it's a law with which we can all live.



Photo by Tim Jean

Take one down, pass it around — Chris Cikacz hangs one of 100 hats on a wall at Pike School. Students and parents sewed the hats, which will be distributed to needy families by Lazarus House and the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence.

Door open to improve town government

Sick of government? Now's your chance



Neil Fater

Journalists can be a cynical lot.

If someone says "Nice day," we may want to confirm that fact with two meteorologists before we believe it. Then, if it rains later, we tend to shake our heads knowingly.

So the prospect that a town government review committee in Andover might, you know, truly review the Andover government isn't something we tend to believe easily. OK, it isn't something I was willing to believe easily.

After all, look at the way the committee was formed.

When then-Selectman Larry Larsen proposed the idea of a town charter review during the summer of 1999, he met a lot of resistance. Feeling the heat, he said at the time that "possibly no single issue has caused as much furor as when I proposed this."

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski spoke out against the idea, perhaps fearing the slight chance that a review might eliminate the town manager position.

"Obviously, I'm sensitive to my five-year term," he chuckled. "But irrespective of that, (the charter) has stood the test of time."

Eventually, Larsen squeaked through a 3-2 vote, and those with a bit of faith might have believed that the charter review was set to begin.

But by the summer of 2000, Larsen was off the board and the charter review had still not begun.

Selectman Brian Major floated the balloon that the new board might not be interested in the idea anymore.

"Since we voted on it, no one has really come up to me and said, 'Hey, I want to be in on it.' It tells me that maybe there's not that much interest in it," said Selectman John Hess.

But new Selectman Ted Teichert said he did have interest in a review of the government, and so the process plodded forward.

A subcommittee of Mary French, who was against the idea of a town charter review; Stapczynski, who spoke out against the need for one; and Hess, who offered lukewarm support, was formed to create the committee.

So cynical people (OK, me again) weren't exactly holding their breath for signicant change when the committee began to meet recently.

But a funny thing happened on the way to cynicism. It seems as if Stapczynski has chosen people who are willing – though not automatically inclined – to suggest true change to town government.

Committee members have already grabbed the charter reviews and/or charters of communities such as Chelmsford, Bedford and Reading.

"I really did get the feeling from the group that we're not going to be limited to one area of discussion," says John O'Brien Jr., a committee member. "Town government should be open for review."

The committee meets tonight,

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Letters

Town made splash with reception

Editor, *Townsman:*

Memories were created on Sunday night, Nov. 19, for a group of dedicated athletes, their parents, fans and coaches as the Andover High School swim and dive team returned from the state championship meet at Wellesley College.

Unbeknown to the team, Andover's Athletic Director Jim Hurley had arranged for a police escort into town for the returning champions.

As the bus passed through Shawsheen Square, a flashing message board congratulated the girls in bright orange lights on their just completed victory. This was compliments of the Andover Police Department.

The best surprise was yet to come. The bus climbed the hill nearing the safety center and all of the emergency vehicles were lined up with lights flashing and horns blaring. The contingent of police and fire personnel who waved and cheered as the bus passed by brought tears to the eyes of all on board. The girls had a hard time believing this was just for them and couldn't begin to imagine how it had all been put together in the hour since the meet ended. We found out later Jim Hurley had done a lot of homework.

I was reminded of the song *Small Town* by John Mellencamp and became so grateful that we have people like new principal Peter Anderson, who watched 231 dives in order to see his four student-athletes compete, and Mr. Hurley, who sat in sauna-like conditions for four hours until the last relay had been won.

Forty years ago, when this coach was a student at Andover High School, hundreds of students and parents would have cavalcades to and from away games. Cars were decorated and the noise level was truly unbelievable. It was a spirit that said Andover is proud of its kids.

That same feeling was there for these athletes.

Marilyn Fitzgerald
Coach, AHS swim and dive team
Druid Hill Road
Methuen



File photo by Tim Jean

Water works — Members of the Andover High swim and dive team, shown above at their home pool at the Greater Lawrence Technical School, were moved to tears by a town reception following their state championship, says their coach.

Town needs 26 agreements for sewer project to start

By Rebecca Piro

With two approved easements in hand, the town has 26 to go before it can break ground for phase one of the $27 million sewer project in the Ballardvale Road and South Main Street and Rogers Brook areas.

Public Works Director Jack Petkus says he is still shooting for a March 2001 start date, and though he hasn't yet heard back from all 28 of the residents the town has approached for easements, he says there is still time.

All the appraisals are done, and the town has mailed letters to each resident from whom the town needs an easement, containing the town's monetary offer for an easement.

"We've been asking (residents) to respond within 30 days, but all of them haven't," he says. "But we're not in a push-to-shove position as of yet."

Eminent domain, or taking of land by the government for the greater public good, is a last-resort option if residents will not cooperate, says Petkus. If a property owner does not respond to the town's letter – either to accept the town's offer or propose a higher dollar figure – the public works department will go to the Board of Selectmen to talk about possible eminent-domain action, says Petkus. A few residents who refuse to accept any agreement with the town cannot stand in the way of the project, he adds.

"There are well over 1,000 people that are waiting for (sewer service)," he says.

If the town does take land by eminent domain, it will be the first time it has done so in years, say officials. But for now, Petkus does not anticipate that eminent domain will be utilized on any property, because he believes most people are indicating they accept the project.

"Everyone that I have talked to has been very agreeable so far," he said.

People have the right to do an appraisal of their land and to contest the town's assessments, says Petkus.

"One of the rights that people have is that if you don't like the (town's) offer... you refuse it. At the time you refuse it, you can hire your own appraiser. If (the figure) is within reason of ours, generally we'll just split the difference. If it's too high, we'll probably go through the eminent-domain procedure," Petkus says.



File photo

Coming soon? — Andover is looking to iron out easement agreements because it plans in March to begin laying the pipes needed for the approved sewer expansion. Above, workers tear a hole for a now completed North Main Street project.

Protecting open space may be way to avoid pricy betterments

Though most residents have been receptive to the town's multi-million-dollar sewer expansion, some people are still nervous about the project because of the high betterment costs, Petkus says. However, there is help available for some people with undeveloped lots and open space on their property, he adds.

"Open-space owners are encouraged to apply for a deferral of betterments. (Or) they can put a conservation easement on the property and the selectmen will completely wave the betterment," says Petkus.

Selectmen want to encourage property owners to preserve the open space they have, and not sell it off or develop it in an attempt to pay the betterments.

"The concern is, we don't want to force people to sell open space and create more housing unnecessarily," says Hess. "The betterment (might be) so expensive that (the owners) would not be able to pay it unless they sold or developed the land."

There are two options for people with open space who need help with paying their betterments, says Petkus.

"(Selectmen) will agree to defer sewer betterments on undeveloped pieces of property. They'll allow (the owner) to defer the betterment until a set time or until the property is developed," he says.

"If someone has land that is undevelopable (because of wetlands, for instance), they can put a conservation easement on the property."

These options are always available to any property owner, says Petkus. But selectmen think now may be a good time to bring them to people's attention to encourage cooperation with the project and ease worries that developers will flock to the newly sewered spaces.

"Some people feel that... open land will be built on because of the sewers," says Petkus. "Others feel it will encourage further subdivisions just because sewers are going in. (But) sewers are not going to cause development." Quite the contrary, says Hess.

"We're trying to find a way to help people with open space maintain it as open space," he adds.

MCAS: Wrestling with math problems

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In the tenth grade, however, failure rates increased in every subject.

The task now, say Bach and McGrath, is to determine why students performed as they did, and explain the failures. In the coming weeks, said McGrath, they will be collecting reports from the schools based on talks with teachers, counselors, and students to try to get a better idea of how and why students reacted to the test the way they did.

MCAS scores were mailed to Andover parents on Tuesday, Nov. 21, after the *Townsman's* early, Thanksgiving deadline.

Each grade was tested in English language arts, mathematics, and science and technology. Each grade was also tested in history and social studies, but only the eighth-grade exams were scored in this field.

Out of 478 fourth graders, 12 failed the English portion and 23 failed the math portion. Out of 453 eighth graders, seven failed English and 56 failed math.

The 49 English failures and 75 math failures were out of 388 tenth-graders. The tenth-grade failure rate in English, at 13 percent, was a 7 percent increase over last year's tenth-graders, and the failure rate in math, at 19 percent, was a 6 percent increase.

Another particular source of concern, said McGrath, was the inordinately high number of answers marked "blank or zero" in the open-response category of the different subjects.

Open-response questions are ones that require a written answer rather than a simple darkening of an oval as for multiple-choice questions. McGrath said that the math, as well as the English section of the MCAS, has open-response questions, in which students are asked to explain how they arrived at answers to mathematical word problems. McGrath said these answers must be examined more closely to see whether students are answering them incorrectly or simply skipping them without even attempting an answer.

The latter possibility raises the question of the so-called "blowoff factor" being discussed here and around the state as one possible explanation for low or failing scores. The blowoff factor refers to students' "blowing off" the test, or not taking it seriously, and therefore not trying very hard.

However, said McGrath, "Our kids have traditionally taken these tests very seriously," citing Andover students' historically good performance on the SAT. As for taking steps to avoid having students blow off the MCAS, McGrath stated, "Certain climates can be set for test-taking conditions, and we let kids know that this is important."

There have also been instances around the state of students openly boycotting the MCAS, but Bach said she did not know of any such instances in Andover.

A factor Bach cited to explain failure rates increasing at Andover High is the tendency for the school to lose some talented students to private schools when they leave middle school. However, she said that number has been decreasing recently in Andover.

On the whole, Bach and McGrath declined to account for low scores in Andover prior to reviewing detailed reports from the schools. They said they plan to have a final analysis in January.

What to do about government

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Thursday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of Town Offices.

Those who have something to say about government, about what they want or don't want, can say it then. Or they can say it at one of dozens of other meetings during the next year.

"The very first vote that the committee took was to have a public-participation feature in every single meeting where people can come and tell us what they like and what they don't like about town government," says Michael Morris, another member.

"We want to be as aggressive as possible in determining how our fellow townspeople feel about our government and what they like about it and what they don't," he says.

In a time when the average citizen is becoming as cynical about government as the most jaded newspaper writer, having the chance to speak one's peace and have some self-reflection can't be a bad thing.

The committee shouldn't be about creating change for change's sake.

But the last thing any government needs is another committee for a committee's sake.

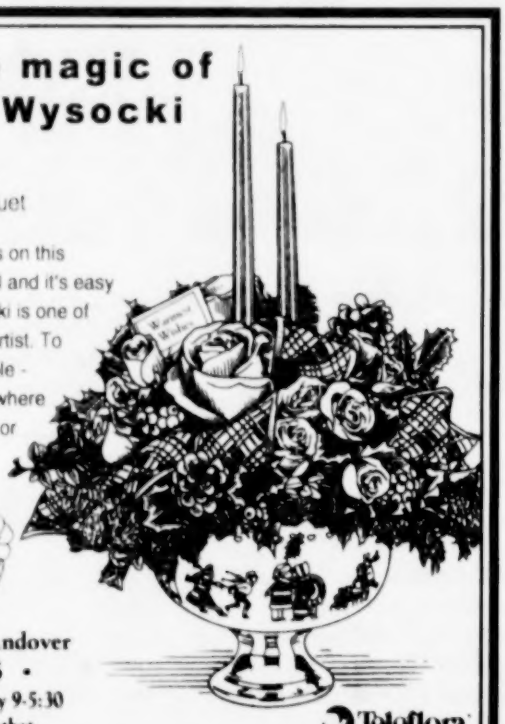
So far, so good on that front. But, of course, I'm still reserving the right to shake my head knowingly.

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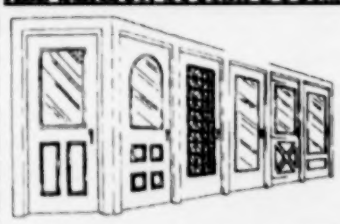


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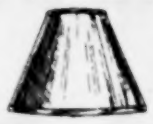
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Education

MCAS aftermath: Schools can't afford to overlook failings

By Adam Groff

School Superintendent Claudia Bach is frank about her desire for more funding to improve Andover's MCAS results. "I do believe that money matters. It does make a difference. We can't move up without increasing our funding," she says.

Though respectable by any measure, Andover's MCAS results nonetheless contain a level of failure that Bach says the schools cannot afford to overlook. (*See story, page 1.*)

Almost 20 percent of Andover sophomores failed the math portion of the test this year.

However, according to Bach, Andover's scores on the whole are high enough that the town does not qualify for the state funding available for MCAS remediation programs. She wants that to change.

"I understand that places like Lawrence need all the help they can get," she says, "but we have failing children too, and every failing child needs help."

"It would be nice (for the state) to recognize that even high-performing districts have failing students," agrees Assistant Superintendent Marinel McGrath.

Currently, Andover has no extracurricular MCAS remediation program in place, either after school or during the summer.

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>
> — Claudia Bach
> Superintendent of Schools

Bach reiterates one of her favorite statistics, that Andover is below the state average in per-pupil expenditure. She says that while it is positive to be perceived as "doing more with less," there are limits to what Andover can accomplish with restricted funds.

"We can't keep class size down and we can't attract the best teachers" without increased funding, she says. "We've been hovering just below the top tier of schools for a number of years now."

At Monday night's Board of Selectmen meeting, Bach said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski's preliminary budget recommendations do not include enough school funding to maintain the district's current programs, let alone to improve them or add new ones.

Regarding MCAS preparation, she says, "If a child is failing or even needs improvement, that student needs remediation. We need to find out what we can do to diversify instruction, because we know that one size does not fit all in education."

SchoolTalk

Andover Center Association will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in **Old Town Hall**, 20 Main St.

"Have breakfast and have your picture taken with Santa. Let him know what you would like to find under your Christmas tree," organizers said.

For more information, call Tom Keefe at 475-7872.

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Greater Lawrence Technical School's admission test for all prospective ninth-grade students will take place Saturday, Dec. 2 and again Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7:45 a.m. at the school, located at 57 River Road.

For more information, call the guidance office at 687-4505.

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All 40 fifth-graders from the **Pike School** returned Friday, Nov. 3, from a week at **Sargent Camp Environmental Center** in Peterborough, N.H.

For five days the youngsters and their teachers had been involved in activities that extend classsroom programs at Pike.

Themes for the week this year were ecology, collaboration and personal risk-taking. Children learned about watersheds and recycling. At each meal they were encouraged to take only what they could eat and leave no scraps on their plates.

"At the end of the week the children loved the challenge of the high ropes course," said **Bo Baird**, Pike's Middle School head. They chose from a variety of cargo nets, ropes and zip lines.

Classmates belayed each other as they traversed the course they had chosen. This was one of the activities that supplemented the fifth-graders' ongoing work with social education.

"Each year the Sargent Camp program is a rite of passage for some children who have never spent several nights away from home and family. Going away with classmates and teachers makes this first experience comfortable," explained Baird.

Fifth grade is the final year for youngsters in Pike's Middle School. For approximately 25 years the Sargent Camp experience has been part of Pike's program at this level.

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John M. Waters, head of **Pike School**, accepted the annual Christ the Servant Award from **H. Bridget Shaheen**, executive director of **Lazarus House Ministries**, on Nov. 3. Shaheen recognized the students, parents, faculty and administration of Pike "for untiring efforts in supporting Lazarus House," a shelter and resource center for the needy in Lawrence.

The citation given to Waters explained that through his efforts and those of **Pike Parents Association** president **Sue Campbell**, the school has adopted Lazarus House. Students have organized clothing drives, food drives and turkey drives. They have come to

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Photos by Kristin Hunt

Students at Sanborn School played host in a Harvest Festival assembly held Tuesday, Nov. 21. Children sang and performed with the event centered around the theme "Harvest and Giving." Andover's senior citizens and nursing home residents were transported to Sanborn for the event. Buzz Stapczynski, town manager, at far right in the first photo, also attended. In the center photo, students perform *The Giving Tree*. The play was narrated by Melissa Alois, Shayna Orent and Sam Cook (right photo).

On Campus

Jacqueline L. Bloom, of 3 Durham Drive has been named to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars at UMass Amherst. She will be honored at a campus ceremony this fall. NSCS recognizes first- and second-year students who excel academically.

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Three Andover residents are among the 1,660 freshmen at Harvard College this fall.

More than 18,000 applications were received last year, setting a record at Harvard.

The Andover students are **Briana Fay**, daughter of Victor and Larisa Fay, who graduated from Phillips Academy; **Patrick F. Morrissey**, son of Richard and Jane Morrissey, who graduated from Phillips Academy; and **Alyssa T. Saunders**, daughter of Jeffrey and Rhonda Saunders, who graduated from Andover High School.

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MKS Instruments of Andover recently announced that Andover resident **Andrew Lapsa** was awarded a Commitment to Technology Scholarship. Lapsa graduated from Andover High School last June and worked at the company as a summer intern.

Jeffrey DeInnocentis of Methuen was also awarded a scholarship.

Lapsa was accepted to the College of Engineering at Cornell University. DeInnocentis attends Merrimack College.



Andrew Lapsa

Both students graduated in the top 10 percent of their classes.

The two students were chosen from a broad field of graduating high school seniors from Andover, Lawrence, and Methuen who have been accepted to a four-year engineering programs at accredited colleges or universities.

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John Jordan, son of Robert and Maryann Jordan of Andover, graduated from the University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science with a degree in aerospace engineering. On May 20, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Jordan is now attending the Basic School at the Marine Corps base in Quantico, Va.



John Jordan

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Justin Yee of Andover, a freshman at the University of Rochester, in Rochester, N.Y., has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2000 semester. He is a graduate of Phillips Academy.

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Laura C. Pirri, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Anthony N. Pirri of Andover, received a juris doctor, cum laude, from Harvard Law School on June 8. Pirri graduated from Phillips Academy in 1990 and received a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, from Brown University in 1994. After some summer travelling in Germany and Italy, she joined the firm of Cooley Godward LLP in San Francisco, Calif.

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Christopher W. Kimball, son of John and Margaret Kimball of 89 Prospect Road, has been named vice-president for academic and learning services and dean of the college at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minn.



Christopher W. Kimball

The search committee noted "a community-wide regard for the depth and clarity of Kimball's understanding of the advantages of a private, church-related higher education in an urban setting."

Kimball earned his undergraduate degree from McGill University and both his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago, where he focused on American history. Prior to joining the faculty at Augsburg, where he previously served as the chairman of the history department, he held positions as lecturer at the University of Chicago; instructor at Columbia College in Chicago; and assistant professor at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

At Augsburg, he has been active on numerous committees and was a leader in Augsburg's strategic planning process, which has clarified the mission of the college in the city and the regions. He is author of "Authentically Urban," one of several position papers written for the process.

Kimball also has a strong interest in sports, particularly baseball. He has served for the past four years as Augsburg's faculty athletics representative with governance responsibility in the National Collegiate Athletic Association and Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. This past year he served as vice president of the MIAC.

This past year, he worked on a Minnesota Historical Society-sponsored grant to research the relationship of baseball to urban identity in the Twin Cities.

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Justin LeCam, a computer science major at Providence College, was recently inducted into The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, an honor society for high-achieving first and second year students. He has also been selected to have his biography published in *The National Dean's List*, an honor awarded to less than 1 percent of the nation's college students.



Justin LeCam

LeCam is the son of Peter and Donna LeCam of 10 Patriot Drive.

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Sarah Pakstis, daughter of John and Lee Pakstis of 27 Lincoln St., graduated from Georgetown University last May. She is a 1996 graduate of Phillips Academy. While at Georgetown, she majored in government and French. She is employed at New Regency Film Productions in Los Angeles, Calif.



Sarah Pakstis

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Johanna Ebner of Andover, a senior at American University in Washington, D.C., has been named to the spring 2000 dean's list. She is majoring in sociology and public communication.

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Sasha Nelken, daughter of Robert and Velma Nelken of 4 Whispering Pines Drive, was among 630 college students who took part in "Semester at Sea." The 100-day study abroad program took students to several countries around the world, including Canada, Japan, China, Egypt, Croatia, and Cuba. The program is administered by the Institute for Shipboard Education and is academically sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh.

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LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Dec. 4–Dec. 8:

Elementary schools

Monday: Cheese omelet with ham, slice of pizza with salad, baked chicken nuggets, peaches, carrots, jello, and milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti and meatballs, hot dog with potato puffs, baked chicken nuggets, salad, fresh fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Roast pork dinner, mozzarella sticks, baked chicken nuggets, corn, pears, milk, and applecrisp.

Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwich with soup, pizza with salad, baked chicken nuggets, applesauce, peas, and milk. (Lucky tray day.)

Friday: Meatball sub, baked chicken nuggets, Chicken McSchool, cranberry sauce, peas, and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Cheese omelet with ham, pizza with salad, baked chicken nuggets, carrots, peaches, milk, and Jello.

Tuesday: Spaghetti and meatballs, hot dog with potato puffs, baked chicken nuggets, salad, fresh fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Roast pork dinner, mozzarella sticks, baked chicken nuggets, corn, pears, milk, and applecrisp.

Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwich with soup, pizza with salad, baked chicken nuggets, applesauce, peas, and milk. (Lucky tray day.)

Friday: Tuna salad on roll, baked chicken nuggets, Chicken McSchool, cranberry sauce, peas, and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Raviolis with roll, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Tuesday: BBQ chicken with potato, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta ilio olio, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta with marinara sauce, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Thursday: Two hot dogs, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta ilio olio with roll, fruit, veggie and milk.

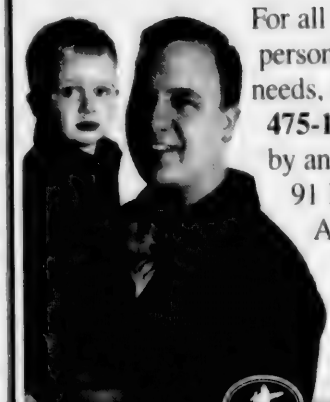
Friday: Egg salad with soup, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta with marinara sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, and milk.

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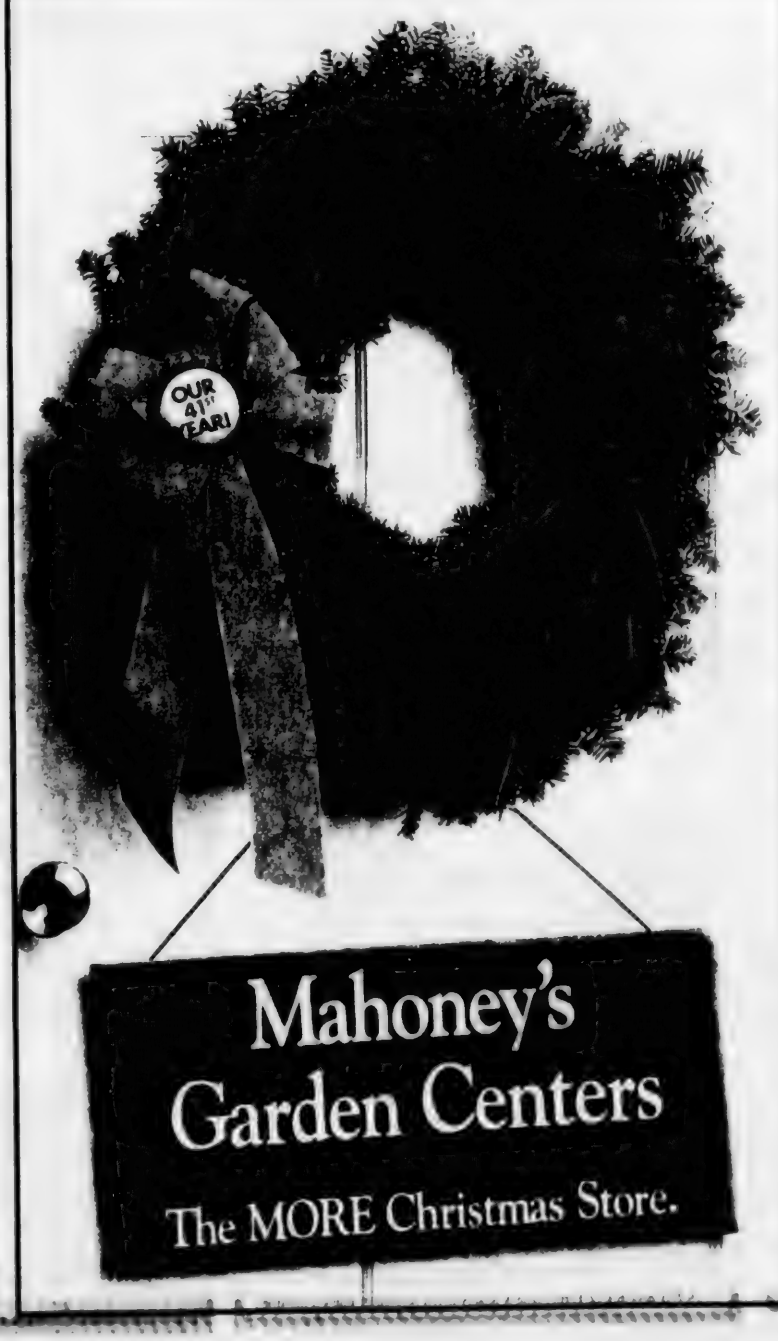
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Patrick J. Russo, son of Jean E. Russo of 5 Linda Road, graduated June 4 from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., with a degree in mechanical engineering. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, president of the inter-fraternity council, and received the dean's award for outstanding contribution to student life. He is presently a teaching assistant at Lehigh and working on a master's degree in mechanical engineering.



Patrick J. Russo

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Four college students from Andover were among the leaders of freshman orientation at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. They are: **Jeannette Paull** of 1 Virginia Road and a 1997 graduate of Andover High School; **Bridget Fallon** of 12 Teaberry Lane and a 1997 graduate of Phillips Academy; **David Weiner** of 3 Mohawk Drive, a 1997 graduate of Phillips Academy; and **Sara Tuman** of 63 High Plain Road, a 1998 graduate of Andover High School.

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Two students from Andover are among the freshmen attending St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. They are: **Catherine D. Filbin** of 40 Oriole Drive and **Ryan H. Nugent** of 1 Hammond Way.

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Amy Weiner of Andover is attending Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. She joins 88 other freshmen from the northeast. Weiner is the daughter of David and Helaine Weiner of Sevilla Road. She is a 2000 graduate of Andover High School.

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Jesse Johannes Lugus of 2 White Oak Drive, graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, with a degree in biology and economics.

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Kristen Lantelme, daughter of Karen and Rudi Lantelme of Andover, is attending Simmons College in Boston. She is a 1999 graduate of Dana Hall School.

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Andover residents **Laura Fitzgerald, Kevin Hess, Lindsay Ravens, James Russo, Luis Santiago, Justin Slattery, Matthew Sullivan,** and **Christopher Wholey** are attending Boston College in Chestnut Hill.

Fitzgerald is enrolled in the Lynch School of Education. Hess, Sullivan, and Wholey are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences. Ravens, Russo, Santiago, and Slattery are enrolled in the Carroll School of Management.

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Matt Schrader, a 1999 graduate of Andover High, has completed his freshman year in the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland at College Park. During the year he was named to the dean's list for both semesters. He was recently honored at a ceremony with induction into the National Society of College Scholars.

NSCS is a selective, national, non-profit organization for freshmen and sophomores who excel academically. He is the son of Paul and Carol Schrader, 8 Black Birch Way.

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Lisabeth Willey, a junior at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been named to the National Civil and Environmental Engineering Honor Society Chi Epsilon, founded in 1922. The honorary society normally selects senior year students attending US universities who are expected to graduate near the top of their class. The local chapter at MIT has 13 undergraduate members and is part of the society's lifelong membership of 88,000 graduate and undergraduates nationwide.

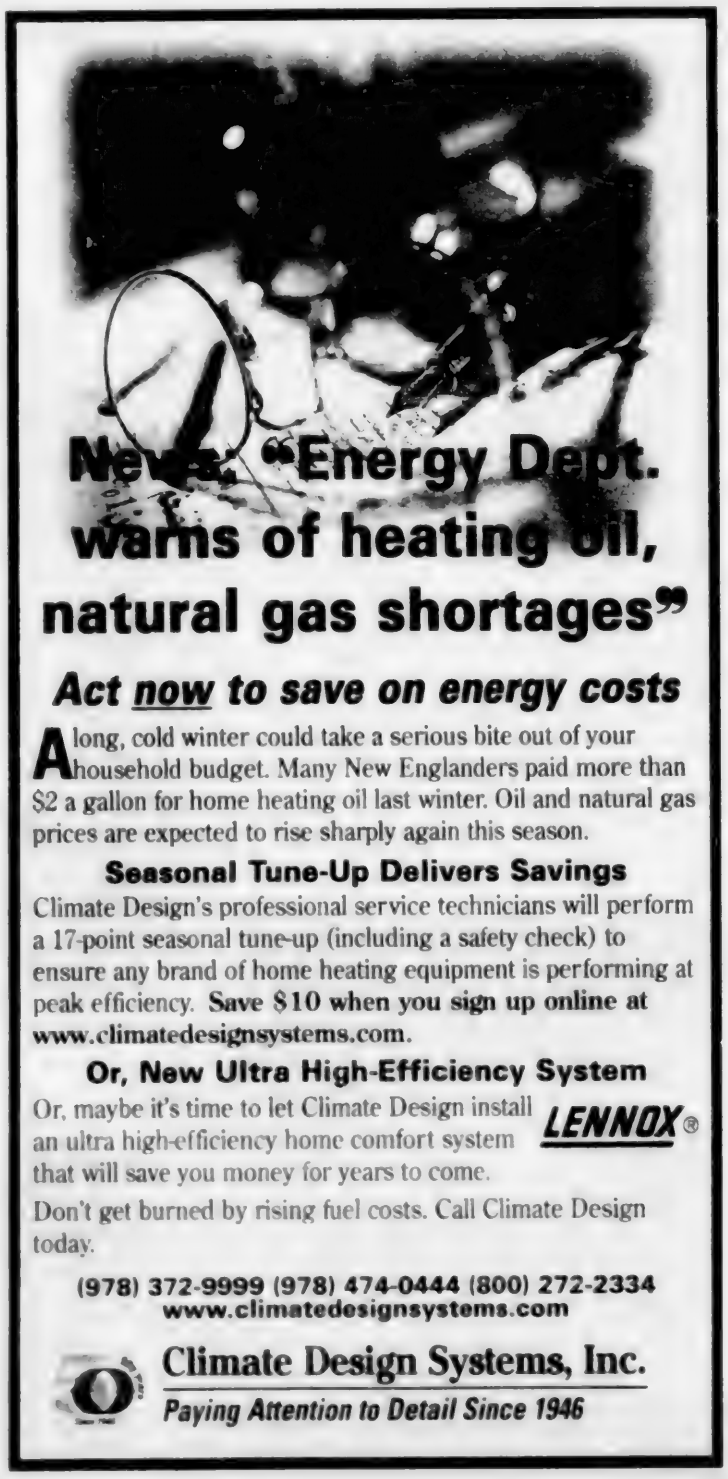


Lisabeth Willey

Students are selected based not only on academic achieve-

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SCHOOLTALK

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Lazarus House to sort food, cook a meal, and make cookies. A year ago Pike students made hats to be distributed to anyone in need. The Parents Association has had an ongoing project of supplying Lazarus House with paper goods as well as winter coats and jackets. Last Christmas Pike families sponsored 57 families through Project Bethlehem.

The citation went on to say, "The Pike community is teaching their students the true meaning of giving. They have given of their goods and most importantly of their hearts. They have extended their hands and have made a real difference in the lives of our guests."

In 1926 Pike was founded with the motto "Non sibi solum" ("Not for oneself alone"). This philosophy is incorporated into the programs at every grade level of the school. The contributions of time and resources to Lazarus House are part of the way in which Pike students and adults practice the school's philosophy.



Staying in character — At Doherty Middle School's annual Biography Day are, from left, Daniel Abreau, Patrick Kelley, Justin Colombo, Greg Moore and Eric O'Connor.

ON CAMPUS

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ment but also on character, practicality and sociability. The organization leads a Habitat for Humanity program and hosts a number of colloquiums covering environmental sustaining topics.

Willey, the daughter of Lloyd and Lynn Willey of 5 Wedgewood Drive, graduated from Andover High School in 1998. She plans to pursue a career in environmental conservation.

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Richard Krafton of Andover, a senior at Greater Lawrence Technical School, has achieved one the highest honors in the UMass Extension 4-H Youth and Family Development Program. He was one of only 19 teens selected from across the state to represent Massachusetts at the recent National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga.

National 4-H Congress, attended by 1,500 high school students from across the country and the US territories, is an intensive program focusing on leadership development, community service learning and the formulation of "back-home" action plans to address current youth issues. This year's theme is "Make the Difference," which describes the conference focus of recognizing and valuing the rich diversity of our nation's youth.

Krafton is a student representative on the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative, a member of the high school golf team, on the National Honor Society, the school newspaper and has been the president of his local 4-H club for three years.

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Doherty Middle School sixth-graders once again entertained parents and teachers with their imaginative and colorful cast of biographical characters at their annual Biography Day last month. Each student read a biography in preparation for an oral report and dressed in costume befitting their character. Parents and teachers had the opportunity to interview the characters in costume before the oral reports were given.

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News

Take heat from North Andover, Residents for Environment, Toxic Action

Selectmen refuse to stop lawsuit seeking fertilizer plant

By Rebecca Piro

Despite a plea from North Andover, selectmen will not urge Andover's Greater Lawrence Sanitary District representative to ask the district's lawyer to withdraw a lawsuit against North Andover. The law suit is against North Andover's Board of Health, and seeks to allow a sludge-to-fertilizer plant to be built in North Andover.

After meeting with GLSD attorney Carmine DiAdamo last Monday, Nov. 20, Andover officials say the proposed sludge-to-fertilizer facility in North Andover is safe for both humans and the environment.

All seven representatives in the GLSD – representing the district communities of Lawrence, Methuen, Andover and North Andover – voted unanimously to support the project back in 1988. But when the North Andover Board of Health denied a site permit for the project in September, on grounds that the town already struggles with high pollution and health hazards, GLSD sued North Andover.

Today, North Andover believes it will lose that lawsuit and lose all local control over the facility, said Selectmen Chairman Jim Xenakis. Without local control, North Andover residents' health could be put at risk, he said. Given that, Xenakis asked Andover selectmen to tell their town representative to order the suit dropped.

But after meeting with DiAdamo in executive session last week, Andover Selectmen Chairman Brian Major said the board will not urge its GLSD representative to stop DiAdamo from pursuing the lawsuit.

""We've decided not to take any action, pending any further discussion with North Andover," said Major, who declined to elaborate on the board's decision.

Andover selectmen are satisfied with the health precautions outlined in the proposal, said Major. Therefore, North Andover's health concerns were not enough to sway Andover officials.

"There are definitely (health) assurances built into the (sludge-to-fertilizer) plan," he said. "The health of all the residents in the area (is) the foremost issue."

DiAdamo would not comment directly on the executive session, but agreed that the proposed facility is safe for all the residents in the district. The process used at the plant is well recognized and recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency, he said.

"We have all our permits from (the Department of Environmental Protection) and all emissions are well within federal and state guidelines. The reality is that North Andover's turning down the facility is far more of a threat to the environment than the proposed facility," said DiAdamo.

GLSD may have the required permits from DEP, but when the facility's emissions combine with the pollution already present in the Merrimack Valley, the result will be hazardous, said Matt Wilson, director of the Toxics Action Center in Boston.

Representatives from the center planned to appear at the GLSD's main gates in North Andover on Wednesday, at *Townsman* deadline, to present the GLSD commissioners with a plaque – the Dirty Dozen Award.

"The Dirty Dozen awards are given out to facilities that will pose a threat to public health in the environment," said Wilson. "As an isolated plant, yes, it meets all the DEP permits. But local folks are concerned that if you add up... all of the air pollution sources, you have a very dangerous mix, which is a real threat to public health in the Valley."

GLSD commissioners may get upset when presented with the "certificate of achievement" on Wednesday, but Wilson

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Reaching out during the 'most wonderful time of the year'

By Rebecca Piro

One morning before Thanksgiving, resident Gretchen Harb was stirred by a call to help families in town that were less fortunate than she.

She saw on Channel 5 News that the Lawrence charity Lazarus House had lost 1,000 turkeys – meant as holiday dinners for needy families throughout the Merrimack Valley – due to a broken freezer.

Without a second thought, Harb was on her way to West Middle School with a basket in hand and a plan in mind.

"Sometimes something just hits you and you want to react. They're asking for help, and when they ask you want to help out," she said.

Though unprepared, students reached into their pockets and pulled out handfuls of change, depositing them eagerly into Harb's basket.

"They put in quarters, dimes, some dollar bills and some five dollar bills. We made $150 in two hours with no forewarning. This is what you do when you want to help somebody," said Harb, who later cashed in the money for gift certificates at Market Basket, which Lazarus House will distribute to needy families.

Andover is one of the many communities Lazarus House serves every day, said Shaun Logan, shelter and food director. Though Andover is more affluent than many of its surrounding communities, the need is still there, he said.

According to the 1990 census, the last available, 854 people in Andover live below the poverty level – which means that 2.9 percent of the total 29,112 population struggles with housing payments, heating bills and food costs.

"One (Andover) woman not too long ago had recently lost her job," recalled Logan. "She had four children, she was from Andover, and she had come to us looking for assistance for her rent."

Though Lazarus House couldn't cover her rent payment, due to its own cash shortages, Logan did fill the woman's car with food.

Like the Andover woman, the greatest need for many residents is cash for housing payments, because the real-estate market is so high, said Logan. People who want to donate could do the greatest good by giving money to Lazarus House, which will be used to pay needy residents' home and heating bills this winter.



Photo by Tim Jean

Run-away favorite — Many participants of the Feaster Five raise pledge money for Lazarus House, one of several local charities that helps Andoverites and also benefits from residents' efforts during the holiday season.

Some Andover residents might be surprised to find that kind of need in their own community, said Veterans Services Director John Doherty.

"Everybody thinks the streets of Andover are paved in gold, that these are the best of times and everyone's well off. I'm here to tell you that's not so," said Doherty. "I have seen situations in this town where people have to decide whether they are going to eat appropriately or pay a fuel bill. That should never happen."

Doherty administers two of four trust funds set up for Andover residents in need – the Lucy H. Shaw fund and the Walter Raymond fund.

"These are small trust funds," said Doherty. "Veterans get first preference, but the money is available (to anyone) in emergencies for food or fuel."

The other two funds – the Towle fund, set up for general need relief – and the John Cornell Fuel Assistance fund, for heating purposes – are also available to Andover residents, said Doherty.

"You'd be surprised at the number of people who do have needs," said Doherty. "(They are) not necessarily destitute, but they are up against hard times."

Doherty said he has easily distributed several thousand dollars in aid from these two funds alone within the past couple of years. The money is used to pay heating bills or to buy food.

Andover's trust funds are bigger than those of most communities, but donations are always welcome, said Doherty. Any monetary gifts will go into the funds to ensure that any resident who approaches him in need will not go away empty-handed.

Furry and fleecy gifts were on the minds of several third- through fifth-graders at Pike School Tuesday afternoon where parents and students worked together to sew hats — many, many hats.

"This is my second hat, and I've been here for half an hour," said Cassie McManus, a Pike fourth-grader, who was busily pinning together two pieces of felt.

McManus' hat was later pinned in the cafeteria hallway for the Hundred Hats program, a program started three years ago by the Girl Scouts at Pike, said parent

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Stabilization fund will continue

By Adam Groff

Selectmen Monday night voted to establish the stabilization fund as a permanent source of emergency funds similar to "free cash" in the town budget.

About 15 years ago, said Selectman Brian Major, a stabilization fund was established to save money to pay for the new town offices that were being constructed. Each year, $50,000 was placed in the fund and, last year, the money was withdrawn and the town-offices debt was paid.

The funding effort, which allowed town offices to be created without any bonding, was viewed as such a success that the stabilization fund was retained after the payoff, but without clear guidelines governing its future use. Recently, the Strategic Planning Task Force, composed of members of the selectmen, Finance Committee, and School Committee, worked to develop such guidelines by adding language to the Capital Improvement Program document for fiscal years 2002 to 2006.

Monday night their work was approved with minor changes by a selectmen's vote of 4 to 1. The Finance Committee and the School Committee were also present at the meeting.

The changes were incorporated into the CIP chapter on "Financial Goals and Objectives," where Free Cash is discussed. The original version states, in part, that "Free Cash should be maintained at 3 to 5 percent of general fund operating revenues." The revision reads, "Free Cash and Stabilization Fund should be maintained at 3 to 7 percent of general fund operating revenue." The revision further clarifies that the goal for the free cash balance is 1 to 2 percent of the general fund, while the goal for the stabilization fund is 2 to 5 percent.

The two amounts are discussed together, but their character and purpose are slightly different. Free cash is defined by the FinCom in its Town Meeting reports as "the amount of surplus revenue over and above uncollected taxes as of July 1 of each year as certified by the State." According to Selectman Brian Major, free cash is available for appropriation by a simple majority at Town Meeting, and would be used in case of emergencies such as a natural disaster or an economic downturn.

The stabilization fund, on the other hand, is designed to be used by the town for planned capital projects, such as land acquisition and facility construction, to avoid having to borrow money, much like it was used with the town offices. Deposits to the stabilization fund would be approved by a simple majority at Town Meeting, but appropriations would require a two-thirds

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Fund eyed to cap spending

Led by Chairman Brian Major, selectmen have outlined their desire to devote another $600,000 to the stabilization fund in FY 2002 — and they have an ulterior motive for doing so.

Major says a large deposit in 2002 would be part of a tactic to help prepare for the $1 million increase in the town's operating budget that will take effect when the two new schools open in 2003.

The theory, according to Major and other supporters of this approach, is that $600,000 going into the stabilization fund would be $600,000 not available for other budgetary uses in 2002, thus imposing a measure of fiscal discipline. Then, in 2003, only $50,000 would be placed in the fund, but the theoretical extra $550,000 would be absorbed in the extra $1-million needed to operate the new schools. This is only one measure being taken to prepare for the operating budget increase, he said.

Members of the three boards meeting Monday night were clearly not in agreement about the wisdom of this plan.

School Committee members, in particular, were clearly concerned about threats to their budget priorities. Eric Nadworny seemed to speak for the committee when he said of the $600,000 proposed for the stabilization fund, "Sectioning off money without setting priorities is a source of concern."

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Charity choices

Nancy Jeton. This year, Lazarus House and the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence will distribute the hats to needy families.

"There are a lot of people out there without hats, and if you don't have a hat you could get sick with a cold," said Nick Letwin, a Pike fifth-grade student.

Fifth-grader Will Kavanagh, recalling a recent visit to Lazarus House to donate food, agreed that need in the community is abundant.

"I went to Lazarus House once, and if you looked out the window, you'd see a very long line of needy families," he said.

Residents who don't go to Pike School can help others in need by donating canned food and money to shelters, and while they're at it, exchanging them for an evening of music.

For the 14th year this Friday, Dec. 8, Phillips Academy students will perform a traditional holiday presentation of Handel's *Messiah*. People can waive their ticket price with a donation of canned food that will go to the charity Neighbors in Need in Lawrence, said Terry Morgan, music office manager.

"It's a $5 dollar general admission, but if you are a student or a senior citizen you can come for a can of peas," said Morgan. "A lot of people come with both."

Morgan expected that the show will draw between 800 and 1,000 people.

"We're out to get the biggest crowd and the most money for this very good charity," said Morgan. "People catch the spirit and they are very generous. Last year people gave money coming in the door and going out the door."



Photo by Tim Jean

Sewing success — Pike students including Elizabeth MacMillan and Kate Rokos stitched 100 hats for the needy.

GLSD plant

hopes communities like Andover – which he says failed to support North Andover – get the message. "It's disappointing that Andover would not stand behind North Andover's decision," he added.

But North Andover has no right to demand health regulations and local control over the facility, said DiAdamo.

"North Andover feels that because the district is located within the confines of their town, they have superior powers of veto, monitoring and say," DiAdamo said. But North Andover only has about a 10-percent share in the district, he added.

Xenakis was dismayed to hear about the Andover board's decision.

"I'm disappointed. By taking no action, they are (allowing the GLSD) to conduct itself without any accountability to the local host community," he said. "They made a decision that is not in the best interest of the region's health."

Sheryl Poole, an Andover resident and a member of Merrimack Valley Residents for the Environment, also expressed disappointment. "I'm uncomfortable with the idea that our (North Andover) neighbors are trying to take a stand and we're... opposing them," she said. "The actions of the selectmen in Andover are always well intended, (but) I think a lot of these issues are highly technical and difficult to understand."

Andover's failure to back North Andover will not likely help relations between the district communities, Xenakis said. "(GLSD) is supposed to be (several) communities acting as one. But when the host community makes a reasonable request, and the other communities (don't) agree, then there is certainly going to be friction."

Xenakis now plans to turn to other GLSD communities, hoping that other towns will side with North Andover and urge their representatives to vote in favor of dropping the suit.

"The fight isn't over yet," he said. "There's still a chance that Lawrence and Methuen will take our position. My hope is that the other communities can recognize the adverse impact (the facility would have) on the region's health."

GLSD does not plan to give up either, said DiAdamo.

"(North Andover) wants control, but they want control for control's sake. The reality is that DEP is far more qualified than the North Andover board to monitor the plant and to ensure environmental safety," said DiAdamo.

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ARRESTS

Wednesday, Nov. 22 – At 7:31 a.m., Oliverio Perez, 34, of 364 Andover St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

At 12:41 p.m., Geoffrey Cronin, 46, of 270 Westford Road, Concord, was arrested and charged with driving after his right to drive was revoked and failing to get his vehicle inspected.

Friday, Nov. 24 – At 4:10 a.m., Jeremy Allen, 26, of 19 Clark St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a second offense of driving under the influence of alcohol.

At 2:43 p.m., a 16-year-old Somerville male was arrested and charged with stealing a vehicle worth more than $250 and driving without a license.

Saturday, Nov. 25 – At 8:44 p.m., Padro Ramirez, 20, of 144 South Union St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant out of Lawrence for statutory rape.

Monday, Nov. 27 – At 11:13 a.m., Eric Smith, 33, of 12 Bowdoin Road, was arrested and charged with driving after his right to drive was suspended.

Tuesday, Nov. 28 – At 12:57 p.m., Juan Candelario, 27, of 16 Belmont St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for driving with a suspended license, speeding, and driving recklessly.

At 8:38 p.m., a 16-year-old Leicester female was arrested and charged on a warrant for running away from a group home.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 22 – At 9:23 a.m., it was reported that a dog climbed inside a West Elementary School bus. The driver and children evacuated the bus.

At 3:46 p.m., the fire department responded to a small brush fire off Brookside Drive. Four youths were gathered around the fire, which they had set, to keep warm. The fire was extinguished and officers gave the youths a lesson in fire safety.

At 10:19 p.m., a Beech Circle resident reported that several people were gathered on the street throwing beer cans and bottles all over the place. The people disbursed upon an officer's arrival.

Thursday, Nov. 23 – At 1:36 a.m., a Nollet Drive resident reported that her house had just been egged. Though the resident did not see anyone throwing the eggs, she did see a vehicle parked at the corner that drove away immediately. An officer was to file on the incident.

At 10:38 p.m., the fire department responded to Lowell Street to extinguish a chimney fire.

Saturday, Nov. 25 – At 4:29 p.m., a Phoenix Place resident who said he had just moved into his home called to report the discovery of a BB gun in one of his closets. An officer retrieved the gun.

Sunday, Nov. 26 – At 12:01 p.m., a Stone Post Road resident reported that she heard some gunshots in the woods. A responding officer could not find anyone responsible, but the environmental police were contacted to follow up on the report.

At 8:22 p.m., a Walnut Avenue resident reported that he had found an old gun in his basement and he wanted an officer to pick it up.

Monday, Nov. 27 – At 8:19 p.m., a couple reported that their daughter was supposed to have been picked up by an Andover Livery driver and taken to Phillips Academy. The driver was not following the daughter's directions, however, said the parents. An officer located the cab and took the daughter to the academy.

Tuesday, Nov. 28 – At 3:40 p.m., a Phillips Academy student reported that her flute was missing from her locker at school.

BREAKS

Monday, Nov. 27 – At 5:16 p.m., a Bulfinch Drive resident reported that someone had broken into her shed.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Nov. 22 – At 3:09 p.m., a male reported that his tools had been stolen from the Tage Inn the day before.

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The annual lighting of reportedly "the nation's tallest Christmas tree," located at Brickstone Square in Andover, took place Sunday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. Despite the wild weather, meteorologist Barry Burbank of WBZ-TV, shown above with Santa, threw the switch while the Methuen High Marching Band provided the music.



The Zaimes family of Andover came by for the Brickstone tree-lighting.



Santa's Village, also located at Brickstone Square, opened after the tree lighting. Santa's Village includes a carousel (as Steven LaFortune can attest), a petting zoo, and costumed characters. The hours for Santa's Village are Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 6 to 9 p.m., weather permitting, through Dec. 24.

Local holiday happenings

Santa parade rescheduled for Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Andover Firefighters Santa Parade Committee has announced that its 45th annual parade will place this Sunday, Dec. 3, the rain/snow date. The parade was postponed due to bad weather last Sunday.

This year's parade kicks off at 1 p.m.

The route is Whittier Street, to Elm Street, to Main Street, to Punchard Street, to Bartlet Street.

Norma Gammon, grand marshall of this year's Santa Parade, will be joined by hundreds of marchers, bands, antique cars, fire apparatus and Santa.

For more information, contact Jim Landry Jr., Andover Firefighters Santa Parade Committee, 32 N. Main St., at 623-7021.

ACA's Holiday Open House is Dec. 8

The Andover Center Association will holding its annual Holiday Open House on Friday, Dec. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Organizers suggest that townspeople kick off their holiday shopping and enjoy refreshments offered by more than 65 downtown Andover businesses.

For more information, call Tom Keefe at 475-7872.

Arts and crafts show and sale

The Andovers Artists Guild will hold its annual Christmas arts and crafts show and sale Friday, Dec. 8, from 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 9, through 3:30 p.m. at the North Parish Church in the Olde Center, North Andover.

Members from several area communities will display their work in oils, watercolor, pastel, etc. There will be a gala artists' reception with violin and piano music, and refreshments that Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Contact Phila Slade, 21 Bradford St., North Andover, at 683-9282.

Seasonal celebrations and ceremonies at PA

On Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m., a celebration of Kwanzaa will be presented by the Phillips Academy music department and the office of community affairs and multicultural development. This celebration, free and open to the public, will take place in Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.

Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible.

Kwanzaa, a celebration of 'first fruits' of the harvest, is an African American ceremony celebrated in the United States for more than 30 years. Kwanzaa is a Swahili word for celebration and represents the coming together of family and friends in community to acknowledge their hard work throughout the growing season. The ceremony will feature readings and reflections by members of the African-Latino-American Society, Zandra Jordan and Susan Moore, advisers. Spirituals and gospel music will be performed by the Phillips Academy Gospel Choir. Andrew McKinnon and Sheena Hopkins are the student co-heads; Rebecca Sykes and William Thomas are the faculty advisers.

On Sunday, Dec. 3 at 4:30 p.m. the annual Service of Lessons and Carols will be presented by the Phillips Academy chaplaincy and the Phillips Academy music department. The service, free and open to the public, will also take place in Cochran Chapel.

The Service of Lessons and Carols is derived from ancient sources and is celebrated according to its usage at King's College, Cambridge, England.

Traditional Christmas readings will be heard and familiar Christmas carols from various traditions and cultures will be sung and played.

The service will begin with Christmas musical offerings by the school handbell choir under the direction of Carolyn Skelton. The participants in the service include Maria Cataldo, Catholic chaplain; the Reverend Michael Ebner, Protestant chaplain; the Fidelio Society under the direction of Carolyn Skelton, and the Phillips Academy Chorus under the direction of Christopher Walter. The Phillips Academy Brass Ensemble, under the direction of Vincent Monaco, will play on the steps of the chapel after the service.

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The annual lighting of reportedly "the nation's tallest Christmas tree," located at Brickstone Square in Andover, took place Sunday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. Despite the wild weather, meteorologist Barry Burbank of WBZ-TV, shown above with Santa, threw the switch while the Methuen High Marching Band provided the music.



The Zaimes family of Andover came by for the Brickstone tree-lighting.



Santa's Village, also located at Brickstone Square, opened after the tree lighting. Santa's Village includes a carousel (as Steven LaFortune can attest), a petting zoo, and costumed characters. The hours for Santa's Village are Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 6 to 9 p.m., weather permitting, through Dec. 24.

Local holiday happenings

Santa parade rescheduled for Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Andover Firefighters Santa Parade Committee has announced that its 45th annual parade will place this Sunday, Dec. 3, the rain/snow date. The parade was postponed due to bad weather last Sunday.

This year's parade kicks off at 1 p.m.

The route is Whittier Street, to Elm Street, to Main Street, to Punchard Street, to Bartlet Street.

Norma Gammon, grand marshall of this year's Santa Parade, will be joined by hundreds of marchers, bands, antique cars, fire apparatus and Santa.

For more information, contact Jim Landry Jr., Andover Firefighters Santa Parade Committee, 32 N. Main St., at 623-7021.

ACA's Holiday Open House is Dec. 8

The Andover Center Association will holding its annual Holiday Open House on Friday, Dec. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Organizers suggest that townspeople kick off their holiday shopping and enjoy refreshments offered by more than 65 downtown Andover businesses.

For more information, call Tom Keefe at 475-7872.

Arts and crafts show and sale

The Andovers Artists Guild will hold its annual Christmas arts and crafts show and sale Friday, Dec. 8, from 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 9, through 3:30 p.m. at the North Parish Church in the Olde Center, North Andover.

Members from several area communities will display their work in oils, watercolor, pastel, etc. There will be a gala artists' reception with violin and piano music, and refreshments that Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Contact Phila Slade, 21 Bradford St., North Andover, at 683-9282.

Seasonal celebrations and ceremonies at PA

On Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m., a celebration of Kwanzaa will be presented by the Phillips Academy music department and the office of community affairs and multicultural development. This celebration, free and open to the public, will take place in Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.

Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible.

Kwanzaa, a celebration of 'first fruits' of the harvest, is an African American ceremony celebrated in the United States for more than 30 years. Kwanzaa is a Swahili word for celebration and represents the coming together of family and friends in community to acknowledge their hard work throughout the growing season. The ceremony will feature readings and reflections by members of the African-Latino-American Society, Zandra Jordan and Susan Moore, advisers. Spirituals and gospel music will be performed by the Phillips Academy Gospel Choir. Andrew McKinnon and Sheena Hopkins are the student co-heads; Rebecca Sykes and William Thomas are the faculty advisers.

On Sunday, Dec. 3 at 4:30 p.m. the annual Service of Lessons and Carols will be presented by the Phillips Academy chaplaincy and the Phillips Academy music department. The service, free and open to the public, will also take place in Cochran Chapel.

The Service of Lessons and Carols is derived from ancient sources and is celebrated according to its usage at King's College, Cambridge, England.

Traditional Christmas readings will be heard and familiar Christmas carols from various traditions and cultures will be sung and played.

The service will begin with Christmas musical offerings by the school handbell choir under the direction of Carolyn Skelton. The participants in the service include Maria Cataldo, Catholic chaplain; the Reverend Michael Ebner, Protestant chaplain; the Fidelio Society under the direction of Carolyn Skelton, and the Phillips Academy Chorus under the direction of Christopher Walter. The Phillips Academy Brass Ensemble, under the direction of Vincent Monaco, will play on the steps of the chapel after the service.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

Titanic, Pentucket Players, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; (978) 321-9259.

Lenny Zakim (human rights advocate) celebration, 3:30 p.m., free, Cascia Hall, Merrimack College; Kathleen Franzese 837-5189.

Gallery grand opening, featuring original work produced by residents in their live work studios, 5-9 p.m., Aver Loft Art Gallery, 172 Middle St., Lowell; Jan Webster 458-7498.

Holiday craft sale, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Elder Services of Merrimack Valley, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 5, Lawrence; Barbara Brandt Saret (800) 892-0890.

Live comedy, John Valby, Dr. Dirty, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

MSPCA Winter Festival at Nevins Farm, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., MSPCA carriage shed and loft, 400 Broadway (Rte. 28), Methuen, through Dec. 10; Ray Denis 687-1150.

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

Opening, "Drawing as a Process," featuring works by local artists, 5-7 p.m., free, Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence, 685-2343 or essexartcenter@earthlink.net.

Holiday open house, 7-9 p.m., free, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Broadway, Methuen.

Author Andre Dubus, III, reads from his book, *House of Sand and Fog*, chosen as Oprah's Book Club pick for November, 7 p.m. Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 475-0143.

Holiday Magic, doors open 6:30 p.m., $29.95, Giordano's Dinner Theatre, Rte. 97 Georgetown; (978) 352-7300.

Santa's Village, 7-9 p.m., Brickstone Square; 749-3008.

Holiday party, with Victorian decorations, 6 p.m., $40, Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 475-2236.

Hollyberry Christmas fair, 6-9 p.m., Sacred Heart parish, 321 So. Broadway, Lawrence; 686-9712.

The Velveteen Rabbit, Concord Youth Theatre, 7:30 p.m., $8.50, $12, 40 Stow St., Concord; (978) 371-1482.

Castle Hill holiday showcase, noon-4 p.m., $10, $8 seniors, The Great House, Argilla Road, Ipswich; (978) 356-4351.

Auction, benefits Yankee Clipper Council, 7 p.m., $15, $25 couple, King's Grant Inn, Danvers; (800) 459-0575.

Live comedy, Rocco & Rosie's Comedy Wedding, 7 p.m., Johnny Pizzi, 9 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Live comedy, Kevin Knox, Mike Fahey, Walter Dixon, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

MSPCA Winter Festival at Nevins Farm, 1-6 p.m, see Nov. 30 entry.

Titanic, see Nov. 30 entry.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

Kwanzaa celebration, presented by the Phillips Academy music department, 7:30 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 749-4000.

Merry Music Hall Christmas concert, with the Fine Arts Brass Quintet, 4 p.m., $10 reserved, $7.50 adults, $2.50 children, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Broadway, Methuen.

Sing carols around the balcony, with the New England Classical Singers, 11:30 a.m. Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.

Piano recital, the Merrimack Valley Music Teacher's Association, featuring 21 local students, 1:30 p.m., free, Memorial Hall Library; Leslie Kaplan 475-4285.

Christmas Treasures Fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Augustine School, 26 Central St.; 470-3944.

A Celebration of Christmas, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Christ Church, 25 Central St.; 475-0529.

Brunch & Browse, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Andover

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Baptist Church, 7 Central St.; 475-0166.

Photo with Santa Day, noon-4 p.m., bring a donation for Toys for Tots and get three 4x6 photos, West Real Estate, 314 Main St., Wilmington; (978) 658-4419.

Nutcracker, Albany Berkshire Ballet, 3, 7 p.m., Collins Center; (800) 476-6964.

Red Bow Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., North Parish Church, Olde Center, North Andover; 475-4515.

Workshop on how to publish, distribute your own book, 11 a.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; 688-9505.

Holiday concert, Cantemus Chamber Chorus, 8 p.m., $14, $12 seniors, Central Congregational Church, Pleasant and Titcomb streets, Newburyport; (888) CHORUS-1.

Christmas fair, the Plum Island Taxpayers Association, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Plum Island Hall, Plum Island Turnpike, Newbury; Candy (978) 463-8883.

Holiday happenings craft fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., free admission, Landworks, 14 Derby Square, Salem; (978) 744-0004.

Admission test, for prospective 9th-graders, 7:45 a.m., Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School, 57 River Road; 687-4505.

Live comedy, John Valby, Dr. Dirty, 8, 10:30 p.m., R-rated hypnotist, 10:30 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Folk concert, Faith Soloway, 8 p.m., $16-$20, Somerville Theater, Davis Square, Somerville; (617) 931-2000.

Live comedy, Kevin Knox, Mike Fahey, Walter Dixon, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Holiday Magic, *see Dec. 1 entry.*

Santa's Village, *6-9 p.m., see Dec. 1 entry.*

Titanic, 2 p.m., *see Nov. 30 entry.*

Holly berry Christmas fair, *9 a.m.-3 p.m., see Dec. 1 entry.*

The Velveteen Rabbit, *2:30 p.m., see Dec. 1 entry.*

Castle Hill holiday showcase, *10 a.m.-4 p.m., see Dec. 1 entry.*

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

Andover Firefighters Santa Parade (rescheduled from Sunday, Nov. 26 due to bad weather), sponsored by the Andover firefighters, 45th annual parade kicks off at 1 p.m.; parade route is Whittier Street, to Elm Street, to Main Street, to Punchard Street, to Bartlet Street; hundreds of marchers, bands, antique cars, fire apparatus and Santa; Jim Landry Jr., Andover Firefighters Santa Parade Committee, 32 N. Main St., 623-7021.

Annual Service of Lessons and Carols, presented by Phillips Academy chaplaincy and music department, 4:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 749-4263.

Holiday concert, New England Classical Singers, 3 p.m., free, Memorial Hall Library; 623-8400. ▶

MSPCA holiday photos with your pet, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., MSPCA carriage shed and loft, 400 Broadway (Rte. 28), Methuen; Ray Denis 687-1150.

Concert, Essex Chamber Music Players, 4 p.m., $8, $5 students, seniors, Bentley Library, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill; (978) 556-3413.

Cookie walk, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., $5 per pound, St. Michael School, Main Street, North Andover; Robin Field 681-0673.

Hike, sponsored by Andover Appalachian Mountain Club, 1 p.m, Appleton Farm, Ipswich; Faith Evans (978) 356-2098.

Open house, for junior high/middle school students, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., St. John's Preparatory School, 72 Spring St., Danvers; (978) 774-6727, Ext. 303.

Concert, *Advent Lessons and Carols,* 4 p.m., free, St. John's Episcopal Church, 48 Middle St., Gloucester; (978) 283-1708.

Holiday Open House with Anne Bradstreet, 2-5 p.m., free, Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; 688-9505.

Exhibit opening, 1-3 p.m., for paintings by Maria Groome, McCoy Gallery, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 837-5189.

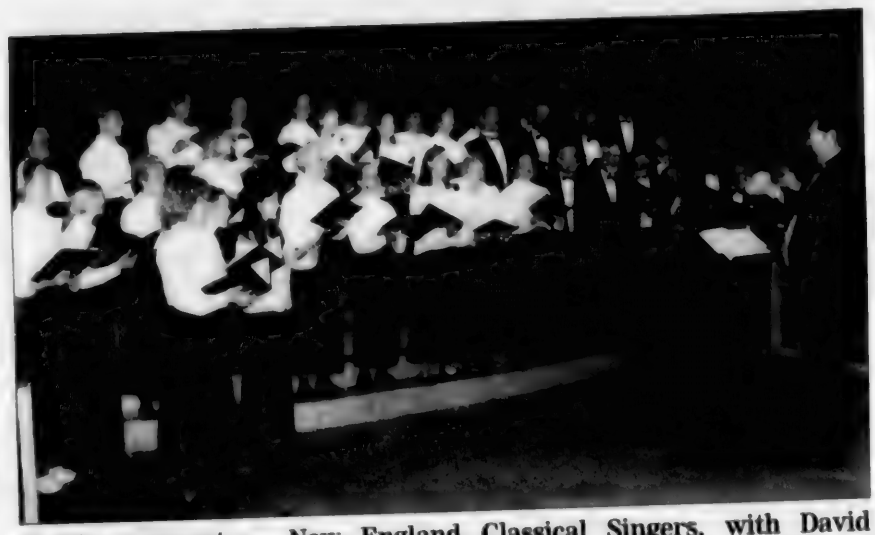
Open house, Museum of Public Health, 2-4 p.m., on the grounds of Tewksbury Hospital, 365 East St., Tewksbury; Chris Young 475-9305.

Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Holiday concert, *Cantemus Chamber Chorus, 4 p.m., see Dec. 2 entry.*

Holiday Magic, *noon, $26.95, see Dec. 1 entry.*

Santa's Village, *6-9 p.m., see Dec. 1 entry.*



Holiday concert — New England Classical Singers, with David Hodgkins, artistic director, will perform Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library. Admission is free. "Hear a seasonal and spirited sampling of their upcoming holiday concert and join in singing some of your favorite traditional carols," organizers said. This concert will feature a *Psalm for the Living* by William Grant Still as well as sections from Mozart's *Litaniae Lauretanae (K109)*, Kenneth Seitz's *Voices of Remembrance*, and William Grant Still's *Christmas in the Western World*. The New England Classical Singers is a regional, auditioned chorus dedicated to presenting quality performances of classical choral music for personal and community education, awareness, and enrichment. NECS membership represents more than 20 towns, and performances draw audiences from throughout the Merrimack Valley. Call 623-8400 for more information.

The Velveteen Rabbit, *see Dec. 2 entry.*

Merry Music Hall Christmas concert, *see Dec. 2 entry.*

Nutcracker, *Albany Berkshire Ballet, 1 p.m., see Dec. 2 entry.*

MONDAY, DEC. 4

An evening with author Anita Diamant, sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation's Women's Division and sisterhoods of local temples, 7:30 p.m., $136 which goes toward the Federation's annual campaign, Cascia Hall, Merrimack College; 688-0466.

Auditions, *Cabaret*, 7 p.m., Winchester Town Hall, 71 Mt. Vernon St., Winchester; Ruth Ann (781) 932-4277.

"Baskets" meeting, for parents of easily frustrated children, 7:30-9:30 p.m., West Middle School cafeteria; Beth Edelstein 475-3759.

TUESDAY, DEC. 5

Parent workshop, on power struggles with teens, 7:30-9:30 p.m., $10, pre-registration required, Pike School, Sunset Rock Road; Pat MacElhaney 475-8282.

Andover Community Paths meeting, group focuses on paths and trails for Andover, 7:35 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, activities room; Karen Reed 686-8192, Chris Young 475-9305.

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***Messiah* Sing and Bell concert,** Reading Symphony Orchestera, 7:30 p.m., free-will offering, Old South Methodist Church, Reading; (781) 937-3332.

Jazz, the Marshall Wood Quartet, 7:30-10:30 p.m., $5 cover charge, Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

Open house, holiday reception, 1 p.m., United Way corporate office, 237 Neck Road, Haverhill; Gail Evans (978) 556-9273, Ext. 149.

Meet former Boston Bruin Rick Middleton, Toys for Tots donation gets you his autograph, 6-8 p.m., West Real Estate, 314 Main St., Wilmington; (978) 658-4419.

Auditions, *Cabaret, see Dec. 4 entry.*

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6

Samaritans of Merrimack Valley information night, for prospective volunteers, 7-8:30 p.m., 169 East St., Methuen; 688-0030.

Holiday Customs and Winter Traditions open house, complimentary tours, refreshments, and silent auction items, through Dec. 10, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

Holiday fair, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center, 500 Salem St., Wilmington; (781) 756-2621.

Slide show by master photographer Carl Schanz, 7:15 p.m., at the Merrimack Valley Camera club meeting, Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 689-9643, 686-2656.

THURSDAY, DEC. 7

Auditions, *The Boyfriend*, Merrimack Junior Theatre, for students in grades 7-10, 6-9 p.m., Doherty Middle School auditorium; Corinne Gediman 475-3422.

Noises Off, Off Broadway Players of UMass Lowell, 8 p.m., $6, Mahoney Auditorium, 870 Wilder St., Lowell; (978) 934-5024.

A Night of 45's and Fun, 6 p.m., $10, benefits Ruth's House Inc., Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St., Haverhill.

Open house, Family Service Inc., 4-7 p.m., 430 North Canal St., Lawrence; Karen Poirier 683-9505, Ext. 14.

Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcae, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Holiday Customs and Winter Traditions open house*, see Dec. 6 entry.*

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

Holiday open house, Andover Center Association, 6-9 p.m., downtown; Tom Keefe 475-7872.

Messiah, 7 p.m., $5, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 475-4265.

MSPCA's "The Night the Animals Talked," 6:30 p.m., MSPCA carriage shed and loft, 400 Broadway (Rte. 28), Methuen; Ray Denis 687-1150.

Tot Shabbat, 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 470-1563.

Holiday concert, Newburyport Choral Society, 8 p.m., $15-18, Belleville Congregational Church, High Street, Newburyport; (978)462-0650.

Holiday Open Sing of Handel's *Messiah,* by Coro Stella Maris, 8 p.m., $5, children under 12 free, Gloucester City Hall, 9 Dale Ave., Gloucester; Gretchen Longwell (978) 281-8808.

NOBO Show, (Nationally Recognized Artists from North of Boston), 6-10 p.m., Fox Brothers Furniture Studio, 39 Liberty St., Newburyport; (978) 462-7726.

Holiday art show, sale, Andovers Artists Guild, 3-8 p.m., artsists reception from 6:30-8 p.m., North Parish Church, North Andover.

Live comedy, Robbie Printz, Mark Scalia, John Joyce, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Live comedy, Angel Salazar, 9 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Holiday Customs and Winter Traditions open house*, see Dec. 6 entry.*

Noises Off, *see Dec. 7 entry.*

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

Family Day celebration, scavenger hunts, period games, music, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

Victorian tea for children ages 7-12, 1-2 p.m., (no adults, limited to 12 children), $12, Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; (978)452-7421.

Christmas Dreams and Holiday Wishes, by the Paint & Powder Club, 8 p.m., $15 adults, $8 children, Collins Center; 682-7974.

Concert, Exsultet!, 8 p.m., $10, $7 seniors, Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; (978) 468-6519.

Concert, featuring Les Sampou, Crossroads Coffeehouse, 8 p.m., $12, North Parish Church, North Andover; 687-3960.

Lecture, with Memhed Ali, president of the Lowell Historical Society, on "Phillip Marden Art Impresario," $4, Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 475-2236.

Admission test, for prospective 9th-graders, 7:45 a.m., Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School, 57 River Road; 687-4505.

Live comedy, Robbie Printz, Mark Scalia, John Joyce, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

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Holiday Customs and Winter Traditions open house*, see Dec. 6 entry.*



Photo by Photo Time, Salem, NH

Hold that Tiger! — Tiger, a member of the Nason family of Andover, poses with Santa at the MSPCA's recent Holiday Photo Day. The final Holiday Photo Day takes place Sunday, Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Barn Carriage Shed, 400 Broadway, in Methuen.

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Acupuncturist writes a guide his patients could use

By Adam Groff

The great thing about the ancient medicine practiced by many Asians, according to acupuncturist David Sollars of FirstHealth of Andover, is that "they've had 3,000 years of practice."

Despite the lengthy pedigree of Oriental medical techniques like acupuncture and acupressure, Sollars says he came to realize that his own patients often know very little about these therapies, and that most of the books on the subject are dauntingly similar to textbooks.

So Sollars decided to write his own, and earlier this year his book *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Acupuncture & Acupressure* was published by MacMillan USA Inc.

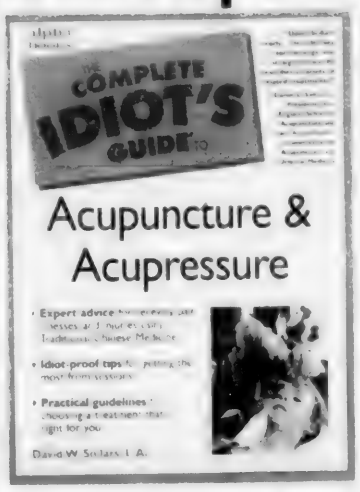
"If there had been a book out there that would have met my patients' needs, I would have used that," he says of his decision to undertake the project.

Despite its introductory level of discussion, Sollars' book is substantial, clocking in at 292 pages (including the five appendices), and it covers a wide range of material, from a brief history of Oriental medicine to tips for finding an acupuncturist.

In between are short discussions of a dizzying array of conditions, from headaches to ovarian cysts, that can be treated using acupuncture or acupressure.

Is he claiming that acupuncture is a cure-all, then? Sollars says it's important to distinguish between conditions for which acupuncture can serve as the primary therapy, and those for which it can be a secondary therapy, sometimes in conjunction with Western treatments. For instance, says Sollars, acupuncture can be an effective pain-management tool for someone with a herniated disc, but it will never repair that person's back.

"We treat the whole person," says Sollars, "and we ask that person to participate in his or her own health care."



He says that the biggest difference between Oriental medicine and Western medicine is that Oriental medicine is focused more on prevention than on treatment. "Treatment of a medical condition comes when the body is no longer able to take care of itself," he says. He says that Western medical intervention tends to happen later in the course of an illness and then to be more invasive and dramatic, whereas Oriental medicine focuses more on a person's lifestyle and helping the body to help itself.

"Our slogan could be, 'Let's keep the medical drama on television,' " Sollars says of the collaborative effort at FirstHealth, which employs a battery of therapists skilled in a variety of alternative therapies, from acupuncture to chiropractic to massage to herbal therapy.

The business is owned by Sollars and massage therapist Regina Kmet.

Sollars, who has been practicing Oriental medicine in the Boston area for the past 16 years, got into the business after a stint as a theater stage manager. "I wanted to do two things," he says, "Theater and medicine."

As he was preparing to go to medical school, he says, a friend put him in touch with a family in Chinatown that ran an acupuncture business. Intrigued, Sollars wound up spending two whole years as a full-time apprentice with the family.

He says it would not be possible to follow that path today, because the discipline of acupuncture has gained sufficient recognition and is now regulated. A family business like the one he worked with would no longer be allowed, he says, because of certification requirements, and even if it were, regulated medical fields do not have apprenticeships.

Sollars himself has all the official credentials, though, as he went on to graduate from the New England School of Acupuncture, and now holds a master's degree in Oriental medicine.

He also has an agreement with MacMillan to publish his second book next year, this one on homeopathy. Sollars further serves the community in his capacity as president of the Andover chapter of Rotary International.

He says that today about one-third of medically-insured people have policies that provide some coverage for acupuncture and other alternative therapies.

But, he says, "We don't want to get into the predicament conventional medical providers are in, where we have to see more and more patients because the insurance reimbursements are so low. With Oriental medicine, people pay for quality of care. If we have to start rushing people through here, it won't be what it is anymore. You can't put a price on good health."

Children's book takes a look at 14 presidents, historical themes

By Adam Groff

Don Robb's least favorite president is John F. Kennedy.

"He was the first public relations president," he says. "He was the first to use television to create an image of himself. But really he was a small man from a very rich and powerful family."

It is interesting to hear Robb's opinions about various presidents, because he has recently published a children's book about the presidency, called *Hail to the Chief*. The book's 32 pages feature 14 presidents representing a major theme of the presidency, and every president is mentioned at least once in support of these themes, from "Leaders in War" to "Leaders of Their Parties" to "Dark-Horse Candidates." Illustrator Alan Witschonke provided the vibrant colored-pencil drawings that round out the book.

Robb, vice president of the educational division of Charlesbridge Publishing in Watertown, said his publisher recommended the idea to him because it wanted a children's book about the presidency, and Robb is well-known for his interest in history. He says he did all his research for the book right in Andover's Memorial Hall Library.

Robb has a lot of experience with educational material for young people. He started out teaching high school in Toledo, Ohio, and then junior high in Hackensack, N.J. His subjects were Spanish, French, and English as a second language.

After moving into educational publishing, Robb moved to Andover in 1975 to work in Boston for Holt, Rinehart, & Winston. He has thrived in the Andover community, serving on the School Committee from 1979 to 1989 and then the Finance Committee, some of the time as chairman, from 1989 to 1999.

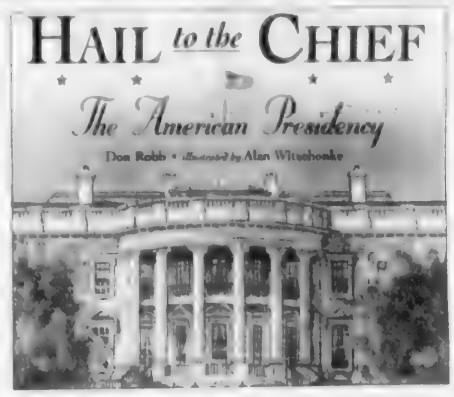
This past spring he lost a bid for a seat on the Board of Selectmen, although he bears no bitterness about it.

"I have more free time now," he quipped. "I think my kids were more disappointed than I was." Of Robb's six children, one daughter is a social studies teacher at Andover High School, and his book is dedicated to his oldest grandchild, the only one he had when the book was published earlier this year. Now he has another one, and a third is on the way. "I'm going to have to write two more books now," jokes Robb.

At heart a Democrat, Robb says he is registered as Unenrolled to offset the Democratic dominance in Massachusetts, which he does not think is politically healthy. But he is indeed an independent thinker.

For instance, he opposes the new youth center proposal that passed at the Special Town Meeting. "It's not the financial part of it I oppose," he says. "It's the administrative aspect. If they're giving it to the town, the town should do it."

He knows he is not being original in naming Abraham Lincoln as the president he admires most. "I admire him for his principles and for holding the country together through the Civil War." But the president he finds most interesting as a person is Franklin Roosevelt – FDR. "I despise many of the things he did, but I think he was a great politician," he says.



Robb calls Bill Clinton "a rotten individual and a good president," and he thinks that history will ultimately rate him "slightly better than average" as a president.

Asked what kind of outcome he would like to see for the current, as yet undecided, election, Robb again quips, "A new election and new candidates!"

On a more serious note, he acknowledges voting for Gore, and then opines, "What this election reveals is not a deep division in American society, but a wide and deep middle, with extremes on either side. Most people don't care too much who wins this." He joins with many in believing that whoever wins will not have a clear mandate. "This will force the president and Congress to recognize that the people want them to govern," he says. Robb's book shows the many ways that that can happen.

NOVEMBER HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAYS



Kelly Ann Sherman

◀ Kelly Ann Sherman turned 1 year old on Nov. 28. She is the daughter of Scott and Kathy Sherman of Iron Gate Drive. Grandmothers are Eleanor Sherman of Orchard Park, N.Y. and Ann O'Donnell of Melrose. Great-grandmother is Helen D'Donnell of Everett. Kelly joins Matthew, 3. Kelly loves to play with her big brother and splash in the bathtub.



Samuel Robert Huntress

◀ Samuel Robert Huntress celebrated his first birthday on Nov. 15. He is the son of Chris and Diane Huntress of Tewksbury Street. Grandparents are Robert Pawelski of Haverhill, and Fred and Linda Huntress of Meredith, N.H. Sam is a very happy baby and enjoys playing with his sister, Abigail, 3, his dog, Gus, and cats, Ruby and Max.



Lauren Mary Kramer

◀ Lauren Mary Kramer turned 1 year old Nov. 25. She is the daughter of Sharon and Bob Kramer of Andover. Grandparents are Nancy and Don Kramer of Andover and Connie and Red Gagnon of Boynton Beach, Fla. Lauren enjoys playing with her brothers, Tom, 8, and Alex, 5.



Julia Lauren Patricia Rigoli

◀ Julia Rigoli turned 1 year old Nov. 23. She is the daughter of Rick and Lisa Rigoli of Spencer Court. Grandparents are Chuck and Nellie Rigoli of Methuen and Alice Martin of Webster. Julia is a happy little girl who loves babies and dogs but detests naps and any type of footwear. She loves to follow her big brother, Christopher "Ba," 7, everywhere and to be out and about waving to everyone and everything she encounters.



Colin John Spalten

◀ Colin John Spalten celebrated his first birthday on Nov. 3. He is the son of Moira and John Spalten of San Antonio, Texas. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Robert Spalten of San Antonio and Jack and Pat Schwing of Andover. Colin has a sister, Megan, 4, and he loves to play with her and the family dog, Libby. He also loves visiting his cousins.



Emma Rose Chatson

◀ Emma Rose Chatson celebrated her first birthday on Nov. 4. She is the daughter of Drs. George and Kimberlee Chatson of North Andover. Dr. George Chatson's practice is at Andover Plastic Surgery. Grandparents are Rita and Robert Fish of North Attleboro and Rae and Eli Chatson of Sarasota, Fla. Emma enjoys singing, swimming, Gymboree, and French class.

Happy 1st Birthdays

▶ Babies celebrating their first birthdays, affiliated with Andover, may have their pictures in the *Townsman* free. They will normally appear in the issue dated the last Thursday of the month, in the month of baby's first birthday. Due to the holidays next month, **all babies having a December 2000 first birthday will be published in the Jan. 4 issue. All photos must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29.** The *Townsman* publishes Births on the first Thursday of the month; they will run in next week's edition, Dec. 7.



Rylee Rose St. Amand

◀ Rylee Rose St. Amand celebrated her first birthday on Nov. 5. She is the daughter of Ryan Daniel St. Amand and Beth Ann Brown-St. Amand. Grandparents are Rose Mary Brown of Chester, N.H. and Dick and Jane St. Amand of Andover. Great-grandmother is Aldea St. Amand of Methuen. Rylee most enjoys being outdoors with her grandmother and going to the Ballardvale playground to see the other kids. Her favorite toys are her Playschool radio and Teletubby dolls.



Shannon Elizabeth Booth

◀ Shannon Elizabeth Booth celebrated her first birthday on Nov. 8. She is the daughter of Michael and Catherine Booth of Meadowbrook Drive. She has three brothers, Jonathan, 11, Nicholas, 9, and Alec, 6. Grandparents are Rita Burke of Braintree, James Burke of Wollaston, and Joseph and Rita Hotin of Milton. Great-grandmother is Jeannette Johnson of Braintree and great-grandfather is Joseph Coyle of Quincy. Shannon loves to watch and go to hockey games.

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SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Christmas Treasures Fair at St. Augustine School

The St. Augustine School annual Christmas Treasures Fair will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Augustine School, 26 Central St.

The fair features entertainment by children's singer Ed Morgan, breakfast and pictures with Santa, boxwood trees, gingerbread houses, a children's craft room, paint your own pottery, raffles and more. Santa's Kitchen features food from the Outback restaurant.

Admission to the fair is free.

Library collecting toys

Memorial Hall Library will sponsor its second annual Toys for Tots program.

For the past 52 years the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program has collected and distributed toys to needy children at Christmas time.

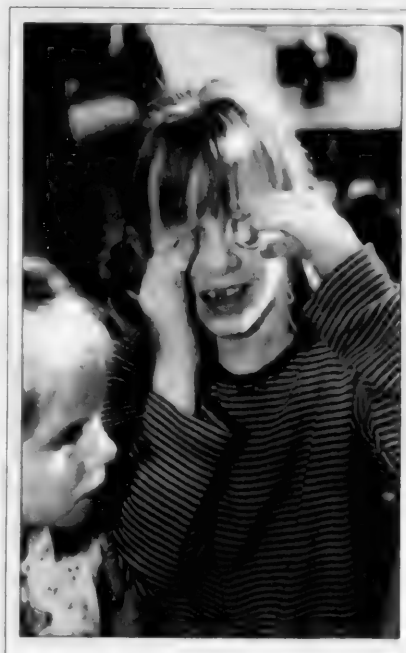
Purchase a toy and drop the unwrapped toy in the Toys for Tots box at the main circulation desk of the library. Toys will be collected through Dec. 14.

Village Garden Club party planned

Village Garden Club members will meet at the home of Mary Lee on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. for a Gala Christmas Party and Gift Swap. Hostess for the evening will be Carol Livingston, assisted by Nancy Hurlin, Renita Johnson, Joan Rollenhagen and Micki Deyoreo. The flower arrangement will be by Sally Shirazi.

Holiday open house

Stevens Memorial Library will host a Holiday Open House with Anne Bradstreet" on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 2 to 5 p.m. Spend an afternoon in the company of America's first poet and enjoy live entertainment and holiday treats. The Library is closing out North Andover's Anne Bradstreet Year with this special appearance by the poet herself (as portrayed by Elizabeth Patterson). This holiday open house and feature presentation is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover, at 688-9505.





Photos by Tim Jean

Jewel-eyed — South African Brian McHardy, one of the world's few master diamond cutters, gave students a hands-on lesson in the ancient art of cutting and polishing diamonds Thursday Nov. 16, at Shawsheen Elementary School. Diamond cutting by hand is a skill that is passed from generation to generation and is fast becoming a lost art, he says. McHardy showed students the tools he uses to cut a perfect diamond. McHardy's family history in the diamond industry dates back to the late 1800s. His great-grandfather was the general manager of the Premier Mine in South Africa where the famous Cullinan diamond was found in 1905. The nine major stones that were cut from the Cullinan are on display at the Tower of London in England. At left, Melanie Long looks through a model diamond.

Choose to Connect program features author Anita Diamant

The Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation's Women's Division and the Sisterhoods of Temple Emanuel, Congregation Tifereth Israel, Temple Beth El Temple Emanu-El, Haverhill, Temple Emanuel of the Merrimack Valley, and Chabad Lubavitch of the Merrimack Valley plan an evening with Boston-based author Anita Diamant.

The program will take place Monday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Cascia Hall, Merrimack College.

A dessert reception and book signing will immediately follow the program. The program will benefit the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation 2001 annual campaign.

The requirement for attending is a minimum gift of $136 toward the Federation annual campaign for 2001.

The Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation is the central planning and fund-raising organization for the Jewish community of the Merrimack Valley serving the towns of Andover, North Andover, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, and Newburyport, as well as 22 surrounding communities. The Federation conducts an annual campaign for local and overseas needs.

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OBITUARIES

Evangeline F. "Litza" Vardavoulis Merriam

Former director of PA's Language Laboratory

Evangeline F. "Litza" Vardavoulis Merriam, 85, of Owls Head, Maine, died Sunday, Nov. 19 at home.

Born in Greece, Mrs. Merriam moved to Andover in 1955 with her husband, Donald E. Merriam, who served as the head of the Spanish department at Phillips Academy. He died in 1965.

Mrs. Merriam, who was fluent in seven languages, served as director of the Language Laboratory at Phillips Academy. Under her leadership, the language lab expanded many of its services.

She also taught French and modern Greek and she was an accomplished pianist.

She continued her career at Phillips Academy until 1977 when she retired and moved to Maine.

Members of her family include her son, Ion S. Vardavoulis of Owls Head; two daughters and sons-in-law, Iris A. and Frederick Beckwith of Woodbury, Conn. and Ann E. and Kelvin Bickford of Rockport, Maine; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Burpee-Strong Funeral Home, 110 Limerick St., Rockland, ME 04841.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Farnsworth Art Museum Music Committee, Attn: Niki Dabrio-Wall, P.O. Box 466, Rockland, ME 04841; or to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 457, Rockland, ME 04841.

Virginia Starke Loebel

Was internship, placement director for Endicott College

Virginia Starke Loebel, 82, formerly of Andover, died Thursday, Nov. 15 at the home of her son in Hadley.

Mrs. Loebel was born in Milwaukee, Wis., and moved to Andover in 1958 with her husband, Harry Loebel. They later moved to Boxford.

She attended Harvard Extension Program and received a bachelor's degree from Harvard and a master's degree in guidance from Northeastern University. After completing her education, she became internship and placement director for Endicott College in Beverly.

After retirement, the couple moved to Cape Cod, where they purchased the Chatham Travel Agency and later moved to Naples, Fla., returning for summers in Enfield, N.H.

In addition to her husband, members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Tod and Judith Loebel of Hadley; two daughters and sons-in-law, Christine and Joseph Sandulli of Ipswich, and Carol and Tom Kinzler of Darien, Conn.; a sister, June Lawry of Baltimore, Md.; two brothers, George Starke of Calistoga, Calif., and James Starke of Amherst, N.H.; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Monday, Dec. 4 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Monica's Episcopal Church in Naples, Fla.

Arrangements are by Douglass Funeral Home in Amherst. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Virginia Loebel Memorial Fund at St. Monica's Church, 7070 Immokalee Road, Naples, FL 34119.

Michael V. D'Ambra

Retired R.I. reporter

Michael V. D'Ambra, 83, died Wednesday, Nov. 22 at Academy Manor.

Mr. D'Ambra was a reporter for the *Pawtucket Times* of Pawtucket, R.I., prior to his retirement.

Born and educated in Providence, R.I., he also lived in Little Compton, R.I., before moving to Andover in 1996.

Members of his family include his wife, Lena (Bertozzi) of Westwood; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Michael N. and Meg D'Ambra of Cambridge, and Dr. Paul A. and Pat D'Ambra of Andover; a daughter and son-in-law, Ada M. and Dr. Steve Parrillo of Durham, N.C.; and six grandchildren.

A memorial Mass will be held at a date to be announced. Arrangements were by Charles F. Dewhirst Edgerley & Bessom Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

Gene R. Champey

Owned Wayside and Maple taverns in Lawrence

Gene R. Champey, 88, of Andover, died Friday, Nov. 24 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Born in Methuen and educated in Lawrence, Mr. Champey lived in Andover for the past 50 years. He owned Wayside and Maple taverns in Lawrence for more than 25 years.

Mr. Champey attended St. Augustine Church. He enjoyed watching baseball, traveling, walking, and spending time at Salisbury Beach.

He was the widower of Beatrice F. (Mahoney) Champey.

Members of his family include four sisters, Adreach "Irene" Saccuzzo of North Andover, Elizabeth Santhomas of Methuen, and Alberta Massa and Mae DeGregorio, both of Andover; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and

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Deaths Elsewhere

BOETTI – Ernest F. Boetti, 67, of Fremont, N.H., died Friday, Nov. 24 at Exeter Hospital.

Mr. Boetti worked for Bell Labs of Andover for 30 years.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsman* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 475-7000.

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***NOBO Show*, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., see Dec. 8 entry.**
***Holiday concert*, Newburyport Choral Society, see Dec. 8 entry.**
***Holiday art show, sale*, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., see Dec. 8 entry.**

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

Jubilee Christmas Concert, featuring St. Matthew's Church Choir of Windham, N.H., 2 p.m., $10, benefits Neighbors in Need food pantry, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen; 685-8321.

Concert, Exsultet!, 5 p.m., $10, $7 seniors, Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead, 28 Mugford St., Marblehead; (978)468-6519.

Holiday concert with music of Mozart and Grant, New England Classical Singers, 3 p.m., $15, $10 students, seniors, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 474-6090.

Feliz Navidad festival, 2 p.m., $9, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Street; 623-8321.

Village School of Boxford's holiday house tour, 1-5 p.m., $20, featuring homes in Boxford and North Andover; 887-6033.

Dunstable Men's Quartet Concert, 3 p.m., free, Pawtucket Congregational Church, 15 Mammoth Road, Lowell.

Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra concert, 2:30 p.m., $12 adults, $8 seniors, $3 children, St. Michael's Church, 6th and Bridge streets, Lowell; (978)372-8237.

***Cinderella*,** Landis & Company Theatre of Magic, 2, 4 p.m., $9, UMASS Lowell's Durgin Hall, Lowell; (978)934-4444.

Cookie Fest, 9 a.m.-sellout, $3 a tin, United Presbyterian Church, 96 East Haverhill St., Lawrence; Carol 688-6645.

Holiday concert, Middlesex Singers, 7:30 p.m., $5, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Chelmsford; (978) 256-7143.

Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 9 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Open house, Endicott College, 1-4 p.m., Tupper Hall, 376 Hale St., Beverly; (978)232-2012.

***Holiday Customs and Winter Traditions open house*, see Dec. 6 entry, with silent auction winners announced, 2-3:30 p.m.**
***Noises Off, 2 p.m.*, see Dec. 7 entry.**
MSPCA's "The Night the Animals Talked," 2:30 p.m., see Dec. 8 entry.
***NOBO Show*, noon-5 p.m., see Dec. 8 entry.**
Holiday concert, Newburyport Choral Society, 2 p.m., see Dec. 8 entry.
Christmas Dreams and Holiday Wishes, by the Paint & Powder Club, 2 p.m., see Dec. 9 entry.

ONGOING

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools; library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Mondays by appointment; $4 adults, $2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and work shop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th-to the 20th century, library and archive, $3 adults, $1 children, $2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., $5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 686-4035.

OBITUARIES

Gene R. Champey

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Arrangements were by Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Kathleen D. Chattin

Former resident was class of '71 AHS grad

Kathleen D. (Lewis) Chattin, 47, of Tampa, Fla., and a former resident of Andover, died Saturday, Nov. 25 in Tampa.

Born in Morristown, N.J., she graduated from Andover High School in 1971 and attended Merrimack College and Daniel Webster College. When in Andover, she attended South Church.

Mrs. Chattin worked at Charles River Laboratories.

While living in Florida, she also did tutoring of college students in chemistry.

In 1979, she won the Miss Brandon Beauty Contest in Florida.

Members of her family include her husband, Jesse Chattin; a son, Jason Chattin and a daughter, Jessica Chattin, all of Tampa; her mother, Evelyn E. (Jacobsen) Lewis of Andover; a brother, William Lewis of Northborough; a sister, Lynn Lewis Ribeiro of Hampstead, N.H.; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Joseph D'Agata

Retired laborer

Joseph D'Agata, 88, of North Andover, died Sunday, Nov. 12 at Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

He was born and educated in Lawrence.

Mr. D'Agata worked at John C. Tombarello & Sons as a laborer.

His wife, Lena (Scalia) D'Agata, died Saturday, Nov. 25.

Members of his family include two sons, Charles D'Agata of North Andover and John D'Agata of Florida; a brother, John D'Agata of Lawrence; a sister, Dora Fisichelli, of Florida; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Josephine Bigla Hewitt

Was auditor in NY

Josephine Bigla Hewitt, 73, of Wedgewood Drive, and formerly of Amsterdam, N.Y., died Monday, Nov. 27 at Academy Manor.

She was born in Amsterdam, N.Y. and was a 1945 graduate of the former Wilbur H. Lynch Senior High School.

Mrs. Hewitt was employed as an auditor for the state of New York, Division of Agriculture and Markets until retiring in 1983 after 20 years of service. She was also employed by Amsterdam Memorial Hospital, and was co-owner of the former "Couple Three Restaurant" in Amsterdam.

She enjoyed reading, gardening, ceramics, and also served on the Reunion Committee for the Amsterdam High School Class of 1945.

Members of her family include her husband of 54 years, Lawrence H. Hewitt of Andover; two sons and daughters-in-law, J.R. and Cindy Hewitt of Galway, N.Y., and Mark J. and Mary Ellen Hewitt of Framingham; a daughter and son-in-law, Lynn H. and Lloyd Willey of Andover; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call today, Thursday, Nov. 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Riley Mortuary Inc., 110 Division St., Amsterdam, N.Y.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. at Riley Mortuary, Inc. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Fort Johnson, N.Y.

Memorial contributions may be made to NENY Alzheimer's Association, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany, NY 12206.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center:

Fix-It Shop: The fix-it shop will be open Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Anyone with a small household item or appliance in need of repair will find a volunteer on hand during that time to take a look at what needs fixing.

Men's Breakfast: Ed Nieburger, professional shell expert and collector, will be the guest speaker at the men's annual holiday breakfast, scheduled for Friday, Dec. 8 at 8:30 a.m. If you have a favorite shell or an unusual one that you would like Ed to take a look at, feel free to bring it along. Ladies welcome. Reservations, $3.

Newcomers Informational Coffee Hour: The next newcomers' informational coffee hour will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 9:30 a.m. Anyone desiring more information about programs, services, trips, activities, or classes at the center, is welcome to attend.

Poinsettia, Crafts, & Bake Sale: Our annual poinsettia sale will be held Friday, Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will feature a wonderful array of holiday plants, Christmas crafts, and bake table including gingerbread houses. Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. We encourage you to stop by and support the sale.

Computer Interest Group: The computer interest group, which is open to all computer users, will hold their next meeting on Monday, Dec. 11, at 1:30 p.m. at the drop-in center. Anyone who is interested may just come by.

Senior $1,000 Club Winners: $1,000 to Loretta Devlin; $100 to Effie Griffin, $50 each to Frank Higgins, Mary and Ralph Brett, Ann Seremet, Agatha Deyoreo. Agent awards went to Charles Waldie and Shirley Rosenberg.

Exercise Registration: The 12-week winter semester of exercise classes begins Dec. 11. Anyone who is intersted in signing up for tai chi, water workout, men's exercise, aerobics, yoga, women's strength training or line dance should plan to do so next week by stopping by the center.

Supper Club: Our next supper club will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 6 when we will travel to "The Common Man" restaurant in Windham, N.H. Cost is $25 per person which includes meal, gratuity, and transportation from the center. Menu selections are available at the center. Supper club is open to regulars, newcomers, singles, and couples. We welcome you to join in at any time.

Wanted: We are looking for donations of the following for our Dec. 15 sale: Bags of non-pareils, gumdrops, Chiclets, and red and white peppermints. We would also be grateful for donations of Pillsbury or Betty Crocker bread mixes and disposable tins as well as baskets for crafts. We appreciate your generosity.

Lock Monsters Hockey Game: The men's group will sponsor a trip to Lowell to enjoy watching the Lock Monsters take on the Kentucky Thoroughblades on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Reservations are $18, which includes ticket and bus transportation from the center. Please stop into the center if you are interested in traveling.

Holiday Concert & Egg Nog Social: We invite you to join us on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. for a holiday concert and egg nog social. Come enjoy some seasonal favorites as performed by the center's "Sunrise Singers," the Bishop Fenwick High School concert Choir, and the Free Christian Church hand bell choir. Tickets are $3 and currently on sale at the center on an advance purchase basis only.

Feliz Navidad Festival: The center's Spanish class is sponsoring a Feliz Navidad Festival on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $9 and the event includes a full traditional Latin American dinner, music, and displays. This will be a lively cultural event.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, Dec. 4 at 1 p.m., we will show the movie, *Christy*. Based on the best-selling novel, *Christy* is the inspiring story of Christy Huddleston who comes to Tennessee in 1912 and is forever changed by the experience.

Business

Business briefs...

Technically an all-star

Tony Zoma of Andover has been selected by Mass High Tech as a New England High Tech All Star.

The program recognizes innovation and profiles New Englanders who have made significant impacts in their chosen technical fields, according to Mike Olivieri, publisher of *Mass High Tech*, a New England technology journal.

"The program spotlights the region's most innovative technologists whose achievements are most likely to affect how we work, live or play today and in the future," Olivieri said.

Zoma is co-founder and chief executive officer of Quantum Bridge Communication in Andover. In 1998, Zoma co-founded Quantum with two friends in a pizza parlor and then went to secure a total of $120 million in venture funding, a record for Massachusetts companies. He was honored as the all star in telecommunications.

AHS grad passes RI bar

Attorney Jennifer Neal Oswitt was sworn in as a member of the bar in Rhode Island on Oct. 31 at a ceremony presided over by the chief justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Oswitt, a graduate of Boston College Law School, Union College, and Andover High School, is the daughter of Richard and Barbara Neal of Andover. She is employed in the corporate division of the law firm of Edwards and Angell in Providence and resides with her husband, Greg, in Lincoln, R.I.

Tall latte with shot of charity

Starbucks customers can contribute to the company's Holiday Angels Program by donating gifts for children under 12. The Main Street shop will accept gifts until mid-December, according to a company release.

Company sales award

Sales associate Bill Buck of RE MAX Preferred Inc. recently received the 100% Award for excellence in sales.

Buck, a resident of Andover, has more than 16 years of real-estate experience, including seven years with RE MAX Preferred.

Buck is an immediate past president of the Andover Rotary Club and a board member of the Friends of Merrimack College and the American Red Cross of the Merrimack Valley.



Bill Buck

Brownfields legislation credited with paving way for development

Old eyesore to be new offices again

By Neil Fater

Workers have been gutting a dilapidated Andover Street building for the past week, so Hearthstone Realty Corp. can turn it into a two-story office building.

The 28 Andover St. building has been sitting idle for years, in part because of an environmental problem at the site scared away some developers, says Bill Perkins, president of Hearthstone, and an Andover resident.

But the state's relatively new brownfields legislation makes it easier for developers to clean up and use such sites, and with the decreasing amount of land in Andover, Perkins saw the value in developing the property.

The site was previously used by American Power Devices for office space and circuit-board etching, but had earlier served as a cow barn for former selectman Sid White's cows.

"It was known as 'the cow palace' in the deed, and now it's going to be first-class office space," says Perkins.

"We've had a number of people wanting to put a restaurant in there. I have enough parking for a restaurant and some office space," he says, "but my guess is it will be all offices."

Perkins expects his new office building to fetch the same rents as office complexes downtown, because of its location and size.

"I think the problem had been no one's building these small office buildings. If you're a small office, you don't want to be in an office park," he says.

The back of the property abuts the commuter train tracks, and beyond the tracks is an AVIS reservation near the Shawsheen River that he believes will offer a pleasant view.

"It's not far from the highway. It's

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Photo by Tim Jean

Reclamation project — Workers have been gutting the building at 28 Andover St.



Maugel Architects design courtesy of Bill Perkins

Welcome back — Developer Bill Perkins plans create a two-story office building from an Andover Street structure that has sat unused for years because of environmental problems. The future office building location sits between the two buildings housing Larry D's Village Deli and Gina Marie's Ice Cream.

Resident earns Athena leadership award

Sheila Balboni of Andover, executive director of Community Day Care, a provider of child-care and educational programming for more than 30 years, has been selected as the first recipient of the Merrimack Valley Athena Award.

The award was given in recognition of her contributions in support of leadership development for women. The Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce announced the award at a dinner in Haverhill on Thursday, Nov. 16.

Balboni is a member of the board for Lawrence General Hospital, Mass. Cultural Council, the Professional Center for Handicapped Children, and other organizations.

As the executive director of Community Day Care, Balboni has nurtured the growth of private, non-profit organization from day nursery established in 1969 to a multi-million dollar enterprise employing over 250 staff.

Community Day Care provides child-care services for children from infancy to adolescence; manages the Community Day Charter School, and offers resource, referral and educational services in more than 50 cities and towns throughout the North Shore and the Merrimack Valley.

Balboni is the first Merrimack Valley recipient of the Athena Award which was created by the chamber of commerce in Lansing, Mich. in 1982.

Since that time, the program has expanded to more than 375 cities in America, Russia and Canada.

As the Merrimack Valley recipient, Balboni will receive an all-expense-paid trip, courtesy of Oldsmobile Marble Motors, to the 2001 National Athena Conference that will take place in Nashville, Tenn. this spring.

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Professional Profile



From left: Residents Estelle Cohen and Carole Derby in the general store

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Marland Place offers a variety of living options: both Independent and Assisted Living, a separate Memory Impairment Care Program for individuals with early-stage Alzheimer's or similar conditions, and a Respite Program that offers short-term stays to meet a variety of needs. The number of both spacious and intimate common areas is testimony to the strong sense of community at **Marland Place**. This includes Main Street, which offers such amenities as a general store, hair salon, bank, and post office. Meals served in gracious dining rooms are among the many services that are provided. The historic character of **Marland Place** is reflected in its beautiful architectural details, including the individualized apartments with their high ceilings and large windows.

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Marland Place is located at 15 Stevens St. in Andover. Call (978) 475-4225 and ask for Natalie Gaudet, Director of Marketing, for more information and to arrange a tour. Visit their Website at **www.newtonseniorliving.com**.

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BUSINESS

Real estate seller

RE/MAX of New England announced that Amy Sebell is ranked No. 3 in the New England region and No. 1 in the Andover North Andover marketplace for the period of January to September.

Sebell attributes her success to her referral base and Internet presence.

Dentist bites into new management business

Dr. Paul Caselle, an Andover resident, has established a new company, Dental Management Decisions, which will specialize in practice-management consulting.

Caselle, with over 23 years in private practice, says he has gained the knowledge and experience in computers and office systems to provide health-care offices with solutions for everyday problems.



Paul Caselle

"Most practice management companies are run by non-doctors who can't fully appreciate the problems of running a small to mid-size office. Dental Management Decisions will personally guide clients in developing strategies and maximizing technology to improve organization and efficiency. This will allow for better patient care and a healthier practice," says a press release.

People can visit Dental Management Decisions at its Web site, <www.dmdconsultants.com>.

Sentillion-GE agreement

Andover-based Sentillion Inc. has announced an agreement with GE Medical Systems Information Technologies to enable customers of GE's QS clinical information system to benefit from Sentillion's Vergence Context Management solution.

Health-care workers will be able to synchronize multiple, independent health-care applications at a single workstation and simultaneously review and more efficiently manage patient information, according to Sentillion.

Service Club celebration

The Service Club of Andover will be holding its Christmas celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at One Mill Street in Lawrence.

The celebration starts at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and "a special treat for the young at heart."

Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m. followed by dancing to the sounds of Eric McFadden.

Tickets are $50 per person. For more information, contact Donna D'Innocenzo at 474-8654.

Andover offices

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not far from the center," he says. "We're going to try to (provide) that view back there."

Perkins says a traffic study has shown that 2,500 drivers pass the site per day. He says may use some of the space for his own company.

"I have an office in Tewksbury. I'd like to move to Andover, but we're not sure yet. It's probably going to be mostly rental," he says.

Everett Penney, town health director, says the earlier contamination problems at the site were relatively minor, but require that the land not currently be used for homes.

"This building has an activity use limitation where it can't be used for residential, but it can be used for office space, manufacturing or research and development," he says.

"In the scale of things, it's not significant levels of contamination. Out of the 30 or 40 (contaminated) sites in Andover," he says, "this is sort of at the bottom in terms of adverse health impacts."

Penney says an oil tank leaked in back of the building, and 55-gallon drums of the solvent trichloroethylene were stored outside and released some of that solvent.

"We could pay to remove the soil there, but that's fairly cost prohibitive," says Perkins. "No one's ever going to dig up there. It will be a parking lot. I will always be used for industrial or office space."

The brownfields legislation that allows developers to use a private licensed site professional to clean up sites like the Andover Street location is the same policy that is credited with encouraging the cleaning of the former Reichhold Chemical site.

Andover officials are considering buying that land, once the clean-up project is complete, and using it for playing fields and hiking trails.

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Sports

Central Catholic stuffs Golden Warriors on Turkey Day, 28-8

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High varsity football team took its lumps this fall.

But the learning experience should pay dividends next year when the Golden Warriors will return a solid nucleus.

The entire starting offensive backfield of Chris Callison, Bruce Brown, Jason White and Brendan Smith is comprised of underclassmen, and on Thankgsving Day seven offensive and five defensive starters were juniors, sophomores or freshmen.

The locals finished the season at 2-7-1, but went 2-2-1 over the last five games after losing the first five.

The experience gained this fall should serve the Golden Warriors well in 2001.

* * *

Central Catholic played a near-perfect game Thanksgiving morning on its way to a convincing season-ending 28-8 romp over Andover at Lovely Field.

The Raiders held AHS to six first downs and 98 total yards offense, most of it against the second defense in the fourth quarter and 56 on an entertaining cutback run by junior Bruce Brown for the only AHS touchdown of the morning with only 70 seconds remaining.

Central, which finished the season at 8-2, built a 21-0 halftime lead and controlled play from the opening kickoff.

Darren Shaw rumbled for 150 of Central's 375 ground yards, and scored two touchdowns to finish the season with 1,007 yards and 86 points.

Aaron LaCharite's 10th touchdown on a five yard run opened the scoring in the first quarter, and sophomore Matt Maroon broke the game open with a tackle-breaking 61 yard scoring jaunt early in the second period.

Aside from Brown's third touchdown of the season, which came with only 1:10 to play, Andover managed just two other threats.

The first came midway through the second quarter with Central ahead, 7-0. An interception by linebacker Andy Yurko inside the Raiders' 20 produced an instant scoring bid, but the Central defense stuffed the locals on three plays before a 32 yard field goal attempt by Adam Martel was just short.

In the third period, Brown faked a punt and scooted nine yards on a fourth-and-five play for a first down. Short runs by Brown and Callison advanced the ball to the Central 11.

But a fumbled snap on first down lost three yards, a sweep by Callison and keeper by QB Brendan Smith lost two yards each, and an incomplete pass on fourth down ended the threat.

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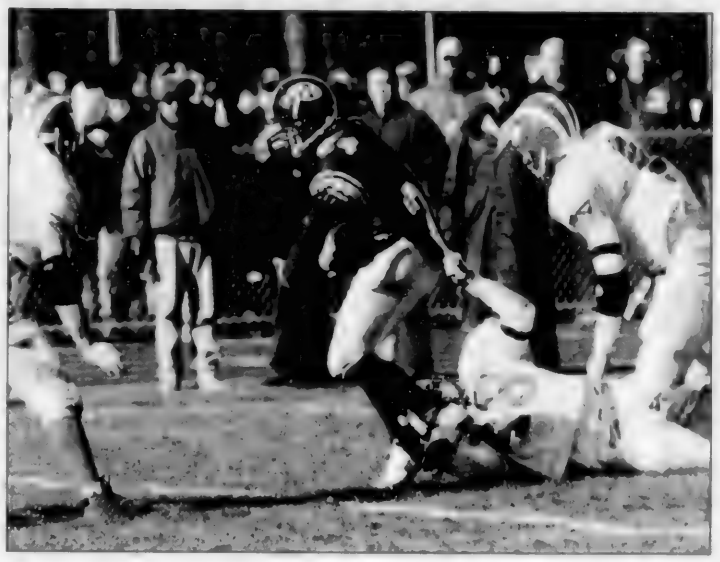
• Defensively for Andover, senior end Kyle Miller (sack), senior linebacker Sean Smith, senior noseguard Andy Gallagher and Brown (12 tackles) were all active.

• Sophomore tackle Russell Stevens produced the Golden Warriors only fumble recovery, halting a Central drive by pouncing on the loose ball at the AHS 17 yard line.

• Andover fumbled the ball eight times but lost possession only twice. •LaCharite had the only interception for Central early in the third period, setting up Shaw's second TD.

• Beleaguered AHS quarterback Smith was sacked four times in the first half by Mark Scalisi, Todd Beaudoin, Maroon and Shaw.

• Brown sparked the Andover ground game with 79 yards on eight carries, while Shahriar Ghandchi added 37 yards on seven rushes and Callison was held to 17 yards on seven lugs.





Photos by Tim Jean

Hold everything — Central Catholic stifled the host Golden Warriors' offense most of Thanksgiving Day, holding Andover to just six first downs and 98 total yards offense. Above left, freshman quarterback Brendan Smith (No. 24) is stopped short. Above right, Jason Crabb (No. 2) sees the ball dislodged by a Central Catholic defender.

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CC: Matt Maroon 61 run (kick failed)
CC: Darren Shaw 25 run (LaCharite rush)
CC: Shaw 16 run (Landers kick)
A: Bruce Brown 56 run (Chris Callison rush)

Team Statistics

First Downs: Andover 6; Central Catholicm 12.
Rushes/Yards: Andover 33-98; Central Catholic 48-375
Passing: Andover 2-9-1, 14 yards; Central Catholic 2-7-1, 19 yards.
Total Yards: Andover 112; Central Catholic 394.
Fumbles/Lost: Andover 8-2; Central Catholic 3-1.
Punts-Ave: Andover 4-38; Central Catholic 0-0.
Penalties/Yards: Andover 1-5; Central Catholic 5-40.
Scrimmage Plays: Andover 47; Central Catholic 59
Final Records: Andover 2-7-1, Central Catholic 8-2

Individual Statistics

Rushing: A, Bruce Brown 8-79, TD; Shahriar Ghandchi 7-37; Chris Callison 7-17; Jon Maloney 1-5; Josh Brooks 1-0; Jason White 1-(-1); Brendan Smith 8-(-19). CC, Darren Shaw 15-150, 2 TDs; Matt Maroon 8-92; Aaron LaCharite 12-82; Brad Jolie 3-29; Adam Muzerall 4-9; J.P. Power 1-7; Mike Moulton 2-4; Jarrod Pelletier 1-2; Mike Ferrick 1-0; Scott Campbell 1-(-4).
Passing: A, Brendon Smith 2-9-1, 14 yards. CC, Adam Muzerall 2-7-1, 19 yards.
Receiving: A, Shahar Ghandchi 1-9; Jon Maloney 1-5. CC, Aaron LaCharite 2-19
Interceptions: A, Andy Yurko 1. CC, Aaron LaCharite 1
Fumble Recoveries: A, Russell Stevens 1
Sacks By: A, Kyle Miller 1. CC, Darren Shaw 1, Matt Maroon 1, Mark Scalisi 1, Todd Beaudoin 1

ANDOVER SCORING

FOOTBALL
(10 games)

FINAL STATISTICS

	TD	PA	Pts.
Chris Callison	5	2	32
Bruce Brown	3	0	18
Adam Martel	0	9	9
Shahriar Ghandchi	1	0	6
Jon Maloney	1	0	6
Brendan Smith	1	0	6
Jason White	1	0	6
Jason Crabb	0	2	2

TD Passes: Brendan Smith 2.
TD Receptions: Chris Callison 1, Jon Maloney 1.

Players receive honors

Andover High football players Andy Yurko and Chris Callison have been named to the 2000 Merrimack Valley All-Conference football team.

Both were selected to the first team defense, Yurko (6'2", 193 pounds) as a linebacker and Callison (5'11", 175) to the utility position.

Three Golden Warriors were also named to the second team, senior Jon Maloney (6', 211) on offense as a tight end, senior Andy Gallagher (5'8", 193) on defense as a lineman and junior Bruce Brown (6', 170) on defense as a cornerback/safety.

AHS players earning Honorable Mention status are Kyle Miller at defensive end, Sean Smith at linebacker, Jason Crabb at defensive back, Shahriar Ghandchi at running back, Ben Perkins at halfback/defensive back and Dan Nolan at defensive tackle.

Billerica wide receiver/cornerback John McBride and Tewksbury fullback/linebacker Erik Nickerson were voted Conference co-MVPs.

Chelmsford junior quarterback Mark Brown is the MVC Offensive MVP and Chelmsford senior noseguard Mike Tousignant is the Defensive MVP.

AHS Roundup: Fall season wrap-up; winter sports preview

By Rick Harrison

Tim Galebach wrapped up the finest cross country season ever put together by an Andover High boys runner when he finished 15th in the Division 1 race at the season-ending All-State Championship Meet last weekend at the Tufts Medical Center course in Grafton.

Galebach hung tough on the 3.1-mile (5 kilometer) course, a college layout that features an uphill first mile, downhill second mile and wavy up-and-down third mile.

"The surface is soft and it favors strong runners," said Lowell High boys varsity coach Phil Maia. "You have to run with strength and heart to perform well here."

His 16-minute, 37-second time was just five seconds from being top 10 in a 146-runner field, and 33 seconds behind winner Josh Panzola of six-time team champ Gloucester which was unseated by St. John's Prep of Danvers.

Galebach earlier this fall went undefeated (6-0) in Merrimack Valley Conference dual- and tri-meets, placed second at the MVC Championship Meet, first in the State Coaches Division 1 junior/senior boys race and third at the Eastern Mass. Division 1 Championship Meet at Franklin Park in Boston.

He was the second MVC runner to cross at the All-State Meet. Chris Grange of Central Catholic, who also edged Galebach at the MVC Championship and EMass. Meets, placed 13th in 16:34.

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Andover resident Matt Pimentel, a senior at Austin Prep in Reading, finished second at the

13TH ANNUAL FEASTER FIVE ROAD RACE

Here are the results, by race, for Andover runners taking part in the 13th annual Feaster Five Road Race, held Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 23. (The kids 1K race is not scored.)

5K RESULTS / ANDOVER ONLY

Overall Finish + Name	Time
[illegible]	[illegible]



Overall Finish + Name	Time
[illegible]	[illegible]

Overall Finish + Name	Time
[illegible]	[illegible]

Overall Finish + Name	Time
582 KEVIN COFFEY	27:53
587 DOUGLAS COYLE	27:55
604 WILLIAM SHAUGHNESSY	28:00
616 MATHEW DOHERTY	28:06
618 STEVEN GERSTEIN	28:07
621 JACK SANDMAN	28:09
624 KATIE DESK	28:10
625 DAVE DESK	28:10
626 NUALA BONESS	28:11
627 LAURIE WILLEY	28:11
632 LINDA MANNING	28:14
633 ERIN MCAULIFFE	28:14
641 BRIAN BARRY	28:16
649 CATHERINE POIRIER	28:23
650 TIMOTHY CASTO	28:25
656 JOHN ERNSON	28:25
666 ALEX SVEC	28:29
668 KENNETH TRAUB	28:30
670 WILLIAM DOHERTY	28:31
671 KRISTINA ARAUJO	28:32
672 CHRISTINA CARLSON	28:32
674 KURT SPENCER	28:32
675 ALLYSON FORTIER	28:32
680 ADELE GALEBACH	28:33
684 STEPHEN PYTKA	28:35
686 DAVID BUKA	28:39
689 LAURIE PIZARDI	28:40
690 RICH GORZELLA	28:41
691 MICHEAL JONES	28:42
706 LAURA GOLDSTEIN	28:44
710 LARRY MORISSETTE	28:46
711 KEVIN CALABRO	28:47
719 MICHAEL DUKA	28:50
720 IRENE SHU	28:51
724 PAUL ROSSI	28:54
731 SUSAN TSOI	29:14
734 AMY SHU	29:55
735 LORI PAULA	28:56
736 RONALD TSUI	28:56
753 JEFF FAULKNER	29:04
754 MICKEY MACELHANEY	29:06
760 KAREN O'BRIEN	29:08
764 ERIKA SATTLER	29:09

Overall Finish + Name	Time
769 DENNIS RICHARDS	29:10
774 JOSEPH FURGUSON	29:15
775 CATHERINE FILBIN	29:15
777 SARAH NOURSE	29:16
779 JENNIFER BATTS	29:17
789 JANE BATTS	29:20
793 GARY KOTYLA	29:21
795 MARSHALL	29:21
798 KATE MARGOLESE	29:22
800 TYLER MAGNIN	29:23
804 PATRICIA BATESON	29:24
808 ADAM ECKEL	29:26
810 TERRY BURKE	29:27
813 JOHN MARSHALL	29:28
818 SUSAN FLINT	29:30
827 JOANNE TRAYERS	29:34
828 TOM ALAIMO	29:34
832 CHRISTOPHER SHEA	29:37
833 PATRICIA RUSSELL	29:38
834 SHANNON LEARY	29:39
843 SHERRY NADWORNY	29:43
844 DAVID GROGER	29:43
849 TOM TANIN	29:44
850 BOB PARK	29:44
851 CHERYL COONEY	29:45
855 OMAR HERMOSA	29:46
865 BETH MARTIN	29:48
866 TINA GATTI	29:49
873 KAREN SULLIVAN	29:51
876 COLEEN WASTROUS	29:52
877 ART ROUSMANIERE	29:52
879 JOE SULLIVAN	29:52
888 SAM DADD	29:56
890 STEPHEN GALEBACH	29:56
891 CHRIS SULLIVAN	29:56
893 ALEXANDRA CAFFREY	29:57
895 BILL GALEBACH	29:58
897 CLAYTON ROSS	29:58
901 ELKE CRAWFORD	29:59
902 LYNN SCHLEICKSER	29:59
910 STEPHEN GRAHEM	30:02
927 LINDA PALERA	30:08
936 DANIEL BETTY	30:12

Overall Finish + Name	Time
931 MAT MASSILOTTE	30:13
932 EMMA MASSILOTTE	30:13
941 TOM LABRIE	30:17
942 ALLISON CAFFREY	30:19
943 CATHLEEN ALAIMO	30:19
944 ALAN COHEN	30:19
949 ANNETTE DEVITO	30:20
956 TOM MACELHANEY	30:24
963 DAVID AMSDEN	30:25
965 KRISTINA JETTE	30:26
967 PAUL INGRAHAM	30:26
969 ALAN JETTE	30:27
974 SCOTT RICHARDSON	30:28
977 ANGELA AMSDEN	30:28
981 JEFFREY KUBLIN	30:31
989 DANIEL SCHUMACHER	30:32
992 NICHOLAS SCHUMACHER	30:33
994 LUKE LARSEN	30:33
1002 LENORE STUBENHAUS	30:35
1003 ERIC STUBENHAUS	30:35
1009 JULIE PATTEN	30:38
1016 JOSEPH GEARY	30:40
1027 CHRISTIAN ANDERSON	30:45
1028 NATHAN WEINER	30:45
1035 KEVIN BAGNALL	30:47
1038 TOMMY MCQUILLAN	30:48
1039 PAUL ORDMAN	30:48
1049 JANIS WRIGHT	30:52
1050 BOBBY BARRY	30:52
1052 BRANDON COONEY	30:53
1054 ERIC GIORDANO	30:54
1056 KEVIN GAFFNEY	30:54
1058 JAMES BEDFORD	30:55
1061 PATRICIA ASSELIN	30:55
1063 MICHAEL MCAULITTE	30:55
1073 NANCY KENDRICK	30:59
1086 FRANK BOMBA	31:03
1089 SUSAN BOMBA	31:04
1090 DAVID REESE	31:05
1094 JOHN PROCHILO	31:06
1106 BETSY MURPHY	31:09
1122 TONI HADAD	31:16
1125 CINDY SU	31:17

FEASTER FIVE Leaders of the Pack

Photos by Tim Jean



Chris Teague of Norwood
First male finisher in 5 mile/8K race



Terri Anne McGettrick of Andover
First female finisher in 5 mile/8K race



Mathew Ely of Andover
First male finisher in 5K race



Amber Cullen of Westford
First female finisher in 5K race

FEASTER RESULTS

Overall Finish + Name	Time
1129 PAUL HELLER	31:19
1130 ALAN FREEDMAN	31:19
1134 GEORGE WERMERS	31:21
1148 PETE NEWTON	31:25
1150 AJNICE PIRRO	31:28
1153 JOHN WALSH	31:27
1157 ALISON DALEY	31:28
1161 TRICIA GRIFFIN	31:29
1164 MATHEW NEWTON	31:30
1171 MICHAEL YASTREMSKI	31:33
1172 JESSIE OSTROWSKI	31:34
1174 STEPHEN RUSSELL	31:34
1175 CHERYLE JOYCE	31:34
1177 WENDY RING	31:35
1178 NANCY HOFFMAN	31:35
1184 JESSICA TUTTMAN	31:37
1185 MICHAEL SIERRA	31:37
1187 SARAH MCLARNEY	31:39
1189 PETER BEATTY	31:39
1206 STEPHEN SARRO	31:47
1209 CAITLIN O'CONNOR	31:47
1210 MATT LENNON	31:48
1211 KEITH CAVENEY	31:48
1215 ALEX LENNON	31:49
1216 BRIAN CAVENEY	31:50
1217 JEFFREY BAKKENSEN	31:50
1219 KEALY O'CONNOR	31:51
1225 ALAN TUTTMAN	31:53
1227 LISA MORRILL	31:57
1228 LISA WEBB	31:57
1230 AL KYLE	31:58
1235 PETER SMITH	31:59
1236 ANNE GALEBACH	31:59
1238 LUKE PERCIVAL	31:59
1240 KEITH DAVIDSON	32:01
1248 KEVIN REID	32:04
1251 JOANN CAVENEY	32:05
1264 CRAIG SCHWARZ	32:12
1269 CLAUDIA SOO HOO	32:13
1270 MARISA EVANS	32:13
1271 SUSAN SCHWARZ	32:14
1272 ALISON BURNS	32:16
1274 CANDICE WAGNER	32:17
1275 TOM BURNS	32:18
1279 PJ FARNHAM	32:20
1282 TRANG NGUYEN	32:21
1283 SUSAN CURRIE	32:21
1284 GAVIN MCIVER	32:21
1286 BECKY CAIRNS	32:22

Overall Finish + Name	Time
1287 BRITTANY SICKLER	32:22
1288 RONNI FANTINI	32:22
1290 SARAH LINNEMANN	32:23
1296 PAT LINNEMANN	32:23
1302 JILLIAN MANN	32:26
1310 JOHN ROCCA	32:31
1314 CHIP LINNEMANN	32:32
1315 JOHN PERIGAULT	32:32
1316 MATHEW CRANNEY	32:32
1317 STEPHANIE FEENEY	32:32
1318 MEGAN CUFF	32:33
1319 JOHN MCIVER	32:33
1322 ALEX LINNEMANN	32:34
1325 ALLY JOYCE	32:35
1329 KERRIEN O'BRIEN	32:36
1330 CHELSEA MCCABE	32:37
1335 LISA LEVENSON	32:38
1342 LORI GERBER	32:40
1344 KATIE FALLON	32:41
1347 CHRISTY STUBBS	32:42
1348 JESSICA RUDA	32:43
1352 JOEL SCIABARRASI	32:43
1355 BRIDGET FALLON	32:44
1357 ALISON SHANNON	32:45
1358 JIM SCIABARRASI	32:46
1371 PAUL FARNHAM	32:51
1375 MIKE BRINK	32:53
1388 JOSEPH ROBICHAUD	32:58
1392 KATHLEEN MASON	33:00
1396 MEGAN SWEENEY	33:01
1398 MATILDE JENSEN	33:03
1408 IAN ACCOMANDO	33:10
1414 TONY PETRELLA	33:12
1415 CAROL PETERSON	33:12
1418 ROD DOUGHERTY	33:14
1421 MICHAEL STEWART	33:20
1428 KATHERINE SHIELDS	33:21
1429 PAM BOUCHER	33:21
1430 KELLY COOKE	33:22
1431 DENIS RYAN	33:22
1432 MOLLY KLARMAN	33:23
1433 DANIEL BAUCH	33:23
1439 CARLA BURNS	33:25
1446 NATASHA CAMILO	33:27
1449 DEBORAH CHARLEBOIS	33:28
1450 JACKIE KOVACS	33:28
1454 JAY LYONS	33:31
1457 GINA MURRAY	33:34
1466 JOAN FUHR	33:37

Overall Finish + Name	Time
1467 CHRISTINE SULLIVAN	33:37
1470 CARLENE HOLLOWAY	33:39
1474 JENNI DLESK	33:39
1476 MICHAEL GERSTEIN	33:41
1478 CAITLIN COSTELLO	33:42
1479 KIRSTIN CLARKE	33:42
1482 CAROL FILBIN	33:43
1483 JOHN FILBIN	33:44
1484 ANKICA POGORZELSKI	33:44
1485 ASHLEY HELLER	33:44
1490 SHIELA OSTROFSKY	33:48
1491 NATHAN MACKENZIE	33:49
1493 MELISA ANTHONY	33:50
1516 NICHOLAS DREW	34:02
1517 MAGGIE DEBBIE	34:03
1519 ELIZABETH O'CONNELL	34:04
1521 CHAD COSSETTE	34:05
1523 JENNY PIRRO	34:06
1524 ERIK OCENNELL	34:07
1530 DEIRDRE LOFFEY	34:13
1536 MARNIE BURTON	34:16
1541 DEBB CROCCO	34:22
1543 SANDY FEENEY	34:23
1551 CASSANDRA VALLER	34:31
1554 ALEXANDER VISPOLI	34:32
1562 RYAN SIERRA	34:34
1565 PETER ACCOMANDO	34:36
1568 ANNE OGDEN	34:39
1571 DEBORAH ARMSTRONG	34:44
1574 ZACHARY CRISH	34:45
1575 DEBORAH KYLE	34:46
1576 ANNE NUNES	34:47
1580 JULIA RSIA	34:49
1585 DEBBIE GARONE	34:52
1586 KASEY O'DEA	34:54
1601 AMY STEWART	35:08
1612 CHRISTINE VISPOLI	35:13
1615 COLLEEN VISPOLI	35:14
1619 SUSAN DELEO	35:17
1620 JUDY TIMKO	35:19
1622 MICHAEL BESSER	35:18
1624 NICK MORISSETTE	35:19
1632 CINDY GATTI	35:27
1634 PETER J COTTER	35:28
1636 LAURIE INGRAHAM	35:31
1638 LINDSEY WILLIAMS	35:33
1640 LAURA EWING	35:34
1641 NORMAN FROST	35:34
1642 LISA GATTI	35:35
1643 ROBNERT DREW	35:35
1644 ROBERT DREW	35:36
1652 NICOLETTE HEAVEY	35:42
1654 PATRICIA BETTY	35:43
1655 BRIAN BURNS	35:43

Overall Finish + Name	Time
1656 SUSAN ALOVISETTI	35:44
1657 JOHN SAIA	35:45
1659 DAVID SCHUH	35:45
1661 LINDA LECONTE	35:46
1663 ELLIE BROWNE	35:47
1667 ALEX GOLDEN	35:50
1668 KELSEY HEAVEY	35:50
1669 MARLENE BURNS	35:52
1670 ROBERT PIANTONI	35:53
1671 TARA PIANTONI	35:53
1672 KEN ADAMS	35:54
1674 DAVID ADAMS	35:56
1675 SCOTT VALLER	35:56
1676 JAN GOLDSTEIN	35:57
1678 ESTHER PELLETIER	35:59
1679 CATHERIEN CHARLEBOIS	36:03
1680 KERRI ODEA	36:05
1688 CLAUDIA BADA	36:13
1691 JUSTINE VANDENBERGHE	36:16
1692 JOE DIGREGANO	36:16
1693 PAM STUMPF	36:17
1698 MISSY FAMIGLIETTI	36:28
1699 MEGAN LOGUE	36:29
1697 JON STUMPF	36:29
1701 ALEXANDRA DAHER	36:34
1702 JOHN DWIGHT JR	36:35
1703 BLAINE MELLOR	36:39
1704 DAN CASPERO	36:37
1706 MICHAEL DRAHEM	36:37
1707 CHRISTIN STUMPF	36:38
1708 STEPHANIE CASPER	36:39
1709 GARY GOLDSTEIN	36:39
1711 KENNETH SCHUMACHER	36:39
1712 LYNNE CARUSO	36:40
1713 BETTINA BOEMACHER	36:40
1716 TOM BOUCHER	36:42
1715 TYLER BEDFORD	36:42
1720 MAGGIE PINKELSTEIN	36:45
1721 KEVIN MCCARRON	36:47
1722 MATTHEW CHENEY	36:48
1725 PAUL CHENEY	36:48
1728 ELIZABETH DEWOLFE	36:51
1730 CARL F GOLAN	36:56
1734 ALEXANDRA GATTI	36:57
1735 WENDY BARRY	37:02
1736 MOLLY DIGAETANO	37:03
1737 DAVID BARRY	37:03
1738 LAURA MASSEY	37:04
1741 GAIL ZWERNER	37:05
1745 CASEY MELLOR	37:15
1748 GABRIELLE HAIRS	37:19
1778 JOHN GORMAN	37:16
1779 JACK GORMAN	37:17
1783 BRAD MURRAY	37:19
1784 JAMIE PRUDDEN	37:19
1785 KERRYN O'CONNOR	37:20
1789 WILLIAM MCGOWAN	37:32
1801 AMANDA STUMPF	37:50
1802 KELLY O'DEA	37:52
1805 ROBERT GOODWIN	37:53
1806 JACOB GOSTANIAN	37:54
1807 LEAH CAIRNS	37:55
1809 DAVIA KLARMAN	37:56
1813 MEGHAN MCGOWAN	37:58
1814 ASHLEY RODRIGUEZ	37:59
1817 LAUREN MURRAY	37:59
1820 GAIL DUNLEVY	38:14
1830 WILLIAM DUNLEVY	38:14
1835 BRANDON TOPP	38:17
1836 ARNO TOPP	38:17
1842 MARYLOU WALSH	38:28
1843 SUE PETRELLA	38:28
1844 ELIZABETH RASKIN	38:28
1847 MARY LABRIE	38:29
1850 AMY ANDERSON	38:31
1854 DEBBIE BERMAN	38:41
1855 PEGGY TONELLI	38:42
1859 KELLY DOHERTY	38:45
1860 LEIF ERIKSON	38:46
1861 SANDRA LAGUIDARA	38:51
1862 PAULA ERIKSEN	38:51
1863 JIM STEWART	38:51
1864 MONICA DATTILO	38:46
1865 KIRA GENDLERMAN	38:4
1866 SHEILA PROUT	38:50
1868 RENE SIERRA	38:53
1869 MARK VETERE	38:53
1874 CORY ANTONAKOS	38:58
1877 KAREN GRYGIEL	39:02
1878 MICHAEL MASSEY	39:02
1879 RACHEL ALESSI	39:02
1880 KRISTEN MITCHELL	39:02
1883 MARY DESMAT	39:06
1884 LLOYD WILLEY	39:06
1885 DIANE THOMAS	39:08
1886 TRICIA OFELL	39:---
1887 LYNN WILLEY	39:11
1888 JOHN FRENE	39:11
1891 SHIRLEY BOUCHER	39:25
1892 DAVE FRENE	39:29
1899 ALEXANDER BOBIK	39:29
1901 JANE CARTLIDGE	39:32
1902 PATRICE LAMEY	39:33
1907 MATHEW VETERE	39:4-
1908 LINDA BOWEN	39:52
1909 PAMELA SIERRA	39:46
1910 KEVIN SIERRA	39:46
1911 MARGARET DOHERTY	39:56
1914 JOHN VETERE	39:59
1915 ADAM VETERE	39:57
1920 HALLY BOWEN	39:58
1924 MOLLY ROUNDS	40:00
1927 ARTER REYNOLDS	40:02
1941 SEAN LAMB	40:17
1946 NORA CONLON	40:14
1948 CATHLEEN FEY	40:15
1949 KYLE CONLON	40:15
1951 KENNETH CRAIG	40:16
1961 ROBERT DOWNEY	40:27
1962 KASEY COOKE	40:27
1964 ANDREW HIRSH	40:28
1969 DEBBIE HIRSH	40:28
1960 MARIE LICCIARDI	40:28
1954 SHARON RODRIGUEZ	40:35
1965 LIDIA RODRIGUEZ	40:36
1970 ROBERT CAMPBELL	40:44
1971 LEA CAMPBELL	40:45
1973 SRA KUBLIN	40:46
1974 OLIVIA DAHER	40:49
1983 ALISHA PRITE	41:07

Overall Finish + Name	Time
1987 GREG LEVIS	41:03
1989 DONALD LEVIS	41:04
1990 MATHEW REIDY	41:08
1992 CAITLIN JACKSON	41:11
2000 DANIEL BAGNALL	41:26
2006 PETER MAHER	41:36
2007 MARCIA HASKELL	41:38
2009 DEBBIE LINK	41:40
2011 TOM MAHER	41:41
2019 ROTH QUATTLEBAUM	41:44
2022 JOE MALANNEY	41:46
2023 CASEY MALANNEY	41:47
2027 PAUL MAGNIN	41:59
2031 DIANA WALSH	42:05
2033 KATHY KELLMAN	42:10
2037 ROSEMARIE WEYMORE	42:15
2041 RICHARD PICCIARDI	42:21
2042 ROGER FRENE	42:24
2043 CHRISTOPHER WARNE	42:26
2044 JIMES SCHUH	42:28
2045 SAMUEL DEMPSEY	42:28
2046 TIMOTHY DEMPSEY	42:28
2048 DAVID GOLAN	42:32
2054 KELLY BOBIK	42:36
2056 KATHERINE DONOHUE	42:38
2057 WILLIAM HACKETT	42:39
2058 SIMON GOLDMAN	42:39
2059 ISAAC GOLDMAN	42:39
2061 MCKENZIE JONES	42:39
2062 PENELOPE JONES	42:39
2064 THOMAS JOYCE	42:40
2065 CATHERINE KANAKOS	42:40
2066 PATRICIA MARTIN	42:41
2067 COLLEEN MAHER	42:41
2068 ALEX VANDENBERGHE	42:42
2069 DAVID JAMESON	42:43
2070 SARA BOYLE	42:46
2071 SARA ANTONAKOS	42:46
2072 JIM SCOTT	42:50
2073 TIM GALLOWAY	42:50
2074 J MARTIN	42:50
2075 NANCY MARTIN	42:50
2076 MARLENE BERNARDIN	42:51
2077 DAVE BERNARDIN	42:51
2078 CATHLEEN CAHILL	42:52
2079 PAULA CAHILL	42:52
2080 CARLENE HACKETT	42:53
2081 KATHY GEORGE	42:55
2082 CAROLYN RYAN	42:56
2083 LESLIE SK	42:57
2084 PETER MCMORROW	42:58
2085 CHARLOTTE CARR	42:58
2086 JOAN WRIGLEY	43:00
2087 CHRISTOPHER SMITH	43:04
2088 COLLEEN MANNION	43:05
2089 TWIN QUATTLEBAUM	43:05
2090 JACK HARTIGAN	43:07
2091 NICOLE HEIN	43:07
2092 JEAN SULLIVAN	43:13
2093 MICHAEL MCQUILLAN	43:14
2094 HANK SCHEECKSER	43:14
2098 ABBIE HERMOSA	43:18
2099 VIRGINIA VALLER	43:18
2100 CAITLIN BURKE	43:19
2101 KATHY BURKE	43:19
2102 CHUCK TEUTELER	43:19
2103 PETER COWIE	43:19
2104 JANE HERMOSA	43:20
2105 SARAH DIXEL	43:21
2106 ANGELA ACCOMANDO	43:22
2107 MARK PEREIRA	43:26
2108 MATTHEW MURRAY	43:27
2109 TERRY ANDERSON	43:27
2110 MARY CHENEY	43:27
2111 ANNE SULLIVAN	43:27
2112 KATHY GOBLE	43:34
2113 REBECCA AMPOLETTI	43:34
2114 LISA HUTCHER	43:36
2115 DEE HOWARD	43:36
2116 LAURA GRANT	43:37
2117 MARY ELLEN	43:37
2118 LAURA STRAMM	43:37
2119 KEVIN JONES	43:38
2120 DAVID BAKER	43:38
2121 LAURA THOMSON	43:43
2122 JENNIFER MCMAHON	43:43
2123 KENT ANGLE	43:44
2124 REBECCA LANGLAIS	43:46
2125 LAURA HARKER	43:51
2126 AVERY BOBIK	43:51
2127 JOHN LAMA	43:54
2128 STACEY SAISA	43:54
2129 ESTELLE MULLIGAN	43:56
2130 JESS MULLIGAN	43:58
2131 DEBORAH LAZARKA	43:58
2132 CHRISTINE MCMAHON	43:59
2133 JEAN MANN	43:59
2134 JEAN MANN	43:59
2135 LAURA BAKER	44:01
2136 AMY BAKER	44:01
2137 JOHN BAKER	44:01
2138 BRENDA BOYLE	44:01
2139 EMMA GENDLERMAN	44:01
2140 ELAINE BLANCHETTE	44:01
2141 JOSEPH GENDLERMAN	44:01
2142 MATT REGHITTO	44:01
2143 BRAD REGHITTO	44:01
2323 ALLISON REGHITTO	48:28
2326 GALE MURRAY	48:29
2327 KIM DUMMERMUTH	48:29
2329 KETHLEEN JACKSON	48:35
2330 WILLIAM REGHITTO	48:40
2336 DEBORAH BRENT	48:45
2338 RACHEL WEYMORE	48:47

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2339 WILLIAM WEYMORE	48:47
2341 FRANK FORLIZZI	48:50
2342 DEBORAH FORLIZZI	48:51
2346 JOHN DOHERTY	48:52
2347 DENISE DOHERTY	48:54
2350 ADAM REGITEK	49:01
2354 JESSICA DEVITO	49:05
2357 MOLLY MARSH	49:17
2358 SHARON HERMOSA	49:19
2360 JODIE HARKER	49:34
2361 PATRICK KASIANCHUK	49:36
2362 PAT GETZ	49:36
2376 MARIANN VETERE	49:47
2380 GRETCHEN KEOHANE	49:41
2381 JACK KEOHANE	49:43
2382 DONNA MOREIRA	50:01
2386 MATTHEW SKINNER	50:03
2387 TUCKER MUTTIN	50:10
2388 CRAIG SPINOLA	50:16
2389 JOHN HARKER	50:19
2390 STEPHEN CROMPTON	50:19
2391 COURTNEY HARKINS	50:41
2392 MARGARET HAMILTON	50:45
2393 KAM CONWAY	50:39
2395 SUSAN SKINNER	50:40
2401 PAUL SKINNER	50:41
2402 MARK ROBINSON	50:41
2403 KEVIN SKINNER	50:45
2404 MELISSA LANGLAIS	50:54
2405 DENISE LANGLAIS	50:55
2406 SHARON THOMSON	50:58
2407 KIMBERLEY THOMSON	50:58
2408 KATE SWEENEY	51:01
2409 SEAN SWEENEY	51:02
2410 MADELYN SUNDBERG	51:02
2411 DONNA SWEENEY	51:03
2412 SARA SWEENEY	51:09
2413 MICHAEL AMIGLIETTI	51:10
2414 JENNIFER HARKINS	51:12
2415 PETER GEAGAN	51:16
2416 MAXINE GEAGAN	51:17
2417 ANDREA PEREIRA	51:20
2418 RICHARD NAGLE	51:21
2419 PEGGY GEAGAN	51:26
2420 MAUREEN KELLER	51:26
2421 TOM LAMBERT	51:41
2422 MIKE KASPARIAN	51:41
2423 LAUREN FREEDMAN	51:46
2424 GAIL BUCK	51:47
2425 DEBRA SHEETS	51:53
2426 JOE KEITH	51:53
2427 JOANNE TUCHI	52:09
2428 PEPPER BUD	52:11
2429 ARLENE NEUMINGER	52:11
2430 JANE SULLIVAN	52:12
2431 LEANN OMEARA	52:12
2432 MELISSA MANNING	52:30
2433 JOHN KOBELSKI	52:39
2434 KAMALANI	52:39
2435 DEBBIE FREEDMAN	52:40
2436 PENNY OTTER	52:54
2437 SAM PERCIVAL	52:55
2438 BRENDAN MCCARRON	52:55
2439 BRENDA CAMPBELL	55:28
2440 KATHLEEN SILVA	55:28
2441 LAMA KOZEIHAN	55:28
2442 TIM MCCARRON	55:28
2443 SUZANNE GANEM	55:31
2444 BETHANY DUMMERMUTH	55:35
2445 AMI MARAJ	55:37
2446 JOAN JOHNSON	55:39
2447 ANNIE BRETT	55:41
2448 PETER EDWARD	55:46
2449 ALEX BRETT	55:46
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2484 ELIZABETH DONOHUE	56:16
2685 EVAN JAFFE	56:16
2688 DAWN PACHECO	56:24
2691 MARSHALL SOLOMON	56:27
2693 SUSAN SOLOMEN	56:29
2696 NANCY REDDING	56:36
2700 ROBERT ANDERSON	56:44



They all wore No. 1 bib numbers, but Ryan Cooney, 6, of Andover (above, right, in the white long-sleeved shirt) was the first finisher in the Kids 1K race.



Photos by Tim Jean

Everyone who ran the 13th annual Feaster Five Road Race felt like a winner on Thanksgiving morning.

5K race ... page

FEASTER RESULTS

5K race (continued from page 15)

Overall Finish	Name	Time
[illegible]	MARY T ANDERSON	56:49
[illegible]	JOSEPH MCCLOSKEY	56:56
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1273 JACQUI GRAHAM	43:10
1274 CHRISTINE DER ANANIAN	43:10
1277 CHRISTINE BENSLEY	43:11
1279 DEVON ARSENAULT	43:14
1282 EMILY O'HARA	43:15
1283 DAVID GAGNON	43:16
1288 DAVE FROBURG	43:17
1295 JASON BLANDIN	43:20
1302 DONNA KASABULA	43:20
1311 KATHLEEN MULDOON	43:25
1325 PAUL MARAD	43:30
1328 DAVID GLANCY	43:31
1329 JUSTIN ORDMAN	43:32
1332 KERRIN GIBSON	43:33
1333 DAVID SORRIE	43:33
1342 EDWARD POPPER	43:40
1345 BRUCE SOROTA	43:42
1353 HARRY RUDA	43:46
1355 JOHN BRENNAN	43:47
1357 LOIS PUSTELL	43:47
1373 DAVE PACKARD	43:55
1395 VIC LANIO	44:04
1397 FRANK WANG	44:04
1399 CHRIS DEAUDY	44:05
1401 PETER CAMPBELL	44:05
1415 BILL FEENEY	44:10
1417 JAQUELINE BOLIS	44:11
1429 KAITLIN STOLBERG	44:17
1437 MAURA O'BRIEN	44:20
1440 CHRISTY CUNNINGHAM	44:20
1445 GLEN KAUFMAN	44:21
1456 LINDA PENGEROTH	44:25
1470 LEE CAPLAN	44:29
1471 KAREN KOCH-WESER	44:29
1488 KRISTEN CARPENTERS	44:35
1506 ELISE CAFFREY	44:39
1514 TIMOTHY DUNN	44:43
1519 DIANA GOULD	44:45
1521 JEFFREY DWIGHT	44:48
1527 BRIAN TRUESDALE	44:49
1531 AMANDA VERREAULT	44:49
1546 MICHAEL GROBICKI	44:54
1580 ROBIN CROOKS	45:10
1581 BILL CASHMAN	45:10
1609 SUSAN SIEFER	45:23
1612 BETH PICARDI	45:25
1615 LARY PICARDI	45:25
1621 BILL MQUAIDE	45:27
1640 SCOTT BERNSTIN	45:33
1655 JONATHAN GORDON	45:40
1657 DIANE SULLIVAN	45:41
1663 WAYNE ARSENAULT	45:43
1666 MIKE MONACO	45:45
1670 DIANE BARRETT	45:46
1674 ANNE BOLIS	45:47
1679 THOMAS MURPHY	45:47
1682 JENNIFER GRIFFIN	45:50
1690 EILEEN PAQUETTE	45:54
1706 JENNIFER CLINE	46:01
1709 JOSH GAGNON	46:02
1711 LISA SANTERIAN	46:02
1718 TOM WALSH	46:06
1719 MICHAEL OLIVIERI	46:06
1728 THOMAS YOUNGMAN	46:09
1740 MARTY CORSON	46:14
1748 CLAIRE GIVENS	46:19
1754 DAN CONRAD	46:20
1755 ALGER ROLLINS	46:20
1757 KATHY ILOWIECKI	46:21
1763 J BARRY MAHONEY	46:23
1771 ERNIE FLEMING	46:27
1778 TRACI THAYNE	46:30
1779 KATE GLADSTEIN	46:31
1782 ROBYN GIVENS	46:32
1784 TOBY DALEY	46:33
1789 TED WARTMAN	46:35
1790 MIKE WARTMAN	46:36
1794 PAULETTE TURCO	46:37
1797 CYNTHE ROBERSON	46:38
1802 SUSAN HOLZMAN	46:42
1805 TARA GRIFFIN	46:42
1808 GEORGE BLAXTER	46:44
1810 KIRSTIN KLINE	46:45
1814 COLLEEN MULLIN	46:46
1819 FRED CALLANEN	46:49
1845 BILL BROUILLARD	47:03
1851 SHELDON ELZWEIG	47:07
1855 PAUL SAUERBRUNN	47:11
1862 RALPH BAKKENSEN	47:13
1869 PAUL FITZPATRICK	47:17
1870 NATALIA FEDERICO	47:18
1871 PANFICO FEDERICO	47:18
1875 KEN SHIFF	47:20
1877 MATT HENNESSY	47:21
1890 SUSAN TEPLOW	47:27
1891 ANNE KELLY	47:28
1892 ALEX MCCARGAR	47:29
1893 MARK REID	47:29
1903 LUDOVIC KABRAN	47:34
1907 JOSEPH GANEM	47:37
1909 KARI FLANGO	47:38
1914 HAIM LEVKOWITZ	47:40
1922 LIA ARNZEN	47:43
1925 ETHEL SCHUSTER	47:44
1933 ELLEN MACKAY	47:48
1937 SHEILA DALY	47:50
1942 BRECK ARNZEN	47:54
1947 EMME ARNZEN	47:55
1952 PETER PAGLIA	47:58
1953 ERIN SULLIVAN	47:58
1956 COURTNEY SULLIVAN	47:59
1962 JORDAN JEFF	48:04
1963 DEBBIE MYERS	48:04
1971 CAROLINE LAMANNA	48:05
1976 LANI ARNZEN	48:09
1978 ANNIE ARNZEN	48:09
1981 DEBORAH MORRILL	48:10
1986 JAN BROUILLARD	48:12
1995 PAM CULLEN	48:18
1998 RACHEL PETRELLA	48:19
2007 MICHAEL COLE	48:27
2012 ERIN GROGAN	48:29
2023 MELANIE BERNARDIN	48:39
2026 JUDITH NORMANDIN	48:40
2031 PAGE DUFFEY	48:44
2033 JOSEPH PECORA	48:48
2041 RYAN FLANIGAN	48:51
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2049 DANIEL BRYANT	48:56
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2078 DEBORAH O'CONNELL	49:20
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2080 DOUGLAS HAMILTON	49:21
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2098 BOB BURKE	49:31
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2127 PAUL PENGEROTH	49:57
2147 JERRY SABATH	50:16
2155 KATHY VANO	50:26
2156 GINA VANO	50:26
2161 PHILLIP RISSEEUW	50:30
2162 DEAN RISSEEUW	50:30
2167 ANNIE DEVER	50:35
2168 CAROLYN DAMPHOUSE	50:36
2169 PATTY GILLETTE	50:37
2172 KEVIN CARIGAN	50:41
2178 ERIC GJERDE	50:46
2179 JOANNE HOFFE	50:48
2188 OSCAR CARLOS	50:53
2195 LAWRENCE QUANG	50:59
2197 LOURDES QUANG	51:00
2201 SHANNON KELLEY	51:07
2202 ERIN KEARN	51:07
2213 DANIEL ROBICHAUD	51:14
2216 JEANNE COSGROVE	51:17
2225 GEORGE ZAHKA	51:24
2226 LIZ GORMAN	51:25
2227 JEFFREY MARTIN	51:27
2244 NICOLE DOWNES	51:37
2249 LEONA DOHERTY	51:39
2264 TED RATYNA	51:56
2265 BRIAN AXELROD	51:57
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2273 BILL WISH	52:05
2274 KELLY MCGOWAN	52:08
2284 TRAVIS GAGNON	52:19
2287 SUSAN RATYNA	52:21
2288 ISABELLE BURNS	52:22
2289 MICHAEL CRAWFORD	52:23
2298 MIMI BERNARDIN	52:32
2299 SCOTT LEBRAUN	52:33
2305 GREG MERCER	52:39
2307 SARAH GAGNON	52:48
2311 KATIE MCKAIN	52:53
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2330 DEB GAGNON	53:33
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2343 KERRI AXELROD	53:55
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2359 SHELLY GLADSTEIN	54:25
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Entertaining the crowd — The leaders of the pack on Main Street, and the Excellent Jazz Band (John Stewart, Roy D'Innocenzo, John Battis and Dick Kaplan) outside Main Street's House of Clean.



"Hey, everyone who finishes gets a pie, right? Right?" Photo by Tim Jean

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ROUNDUP

season-ending All State Cross Country Championship Meet Division 2 race this past weekend at the Tufts Medical Center course in Grafton.

Pimentel covered the hilly 4.1 mile layout in 21 minutes, 45 seconds to lead only summer Neal Cleaves of Melrose Trail Regional in 19:45 in a 24-runner field.

Pimentel also registered the best time of any runner in all divisions at the annual MIAA Eastern Mass. Cross Country Championship Meet the previous week at Franklin Park in Boston.

Pimentel graduated in Catholic Central League class exactly for the past three years and the CCL Championship Meet and State Coaches Division 2 junior senior winner this fall won his second straight EMass. Division 4 race in a time of 16 minutes, 12.4 seconds over the 5,000 meter course (3.1 miles).

The seemingly invincible Cougars' long distance ace had the best time among more than 800 runners competing in the four divisions.

Closest to Pimentel, who did not let the rain and muddy course affect him, was Division 1 winner Todd Glew of St. John's Prep who finished in 16:16.4.

"After winning the class title last year I gained a lot of confidence and decided to train really hard for this season," said Pimentel, who would have made a spectacular 1-2 punch with Tim Galebach this fall had he chosen to attend Andover High instead of Austin.

Pimentel might have run even faster at the EMass. Meet had he been challenged, but he won the race by a whopping 43-second margin over runner-up Eric Burgess of Harwich (16:55.4).

The Austin standout stayed with the pack for the first mile before making his move.

"I didn't want to go out too hard," said Pimentel. "I wanted to time my move and it turned out well.

"Nobody was going to break 16 minutes today. The conditions were just a mess. Last year I sort of came out of nowhere and surprised everybody. This year, that's what I was worried about. That someone like me would come out of nowhere and beat me," said Pimentel.

It didn't happen.

▶ *Next week: Golf & Boys Soccer wrap-up*

Winter sports practices begin

Andover High's winter sports athletes began practice this past Monday afternoon.

AHS will again field teams in boys basketball, girls basketball, ice hockey, boys indoor track, girls indoor track, boys swimming and diving, girls gymnastics, boys gymnastics, boys skiing and girls skiing this winter.

Basketball, hockey, track and swimming will begin regular season play the middle of December, while gymnastics and skiing will start after the first of the year.

Head coaches are Dave Fazio (boys basketball), Jim Tildsley (girls basketball), Bill Cullen (ice hockey), Art Iworsley (track), Mark Taffe (swimming), Julie Chapman (girls gymnastics), Steve Sirois and Jack Gleason (boys gymnastics) and Tom Busta (skiing).

ANDOVER SCORING

GIRLS SOCCER
Final Statistics
(22 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Katie Kramer	23	12	35
Lisa Tisbert	21	11	32
Jenny Muller	15	9	24
Allison Dexter	4	12	16
Meghan Charlebois	1	6	7
Liz Sullivan	3	2	5
Courtney Hale	2	3	5
Kathy Murphy	1	3	4
Ashley Faulk	2	1	3
Tina Baraby	1	2	3
Janelle Larose	2	0	2
Amy Galluzzo	1	1	2
Sloan McCauley	1	1	2
Diana Petersen	0	2	2
Jackie Alexander	0	1	1
Natasha Camilo	0	1	1
Courtney Hale	0	1	1

Hat Tricks: Katie Kramer 4, Lisa Tisbert 2, Jenny Muller 1.
Shutouts: Kaitlin Hyde 2; Taylor Traub 1; Hyde & Traub 3.

FIELD HOCKEY
Final Statistics
(19 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Grace Farnham	14	4	18
Stephanie Casper	2	9	11
Lindsay Shaheen	6	4	10
Abby Dennehy	4	3	7
Elysia Yet	2	4	6
Loren Munro	2	1	3
Joan Moffitt	1	2	3
Kara Spang	0	2	2
Melissa Currier	1	0	1
Sara Griswald	1	0	1
Meg Reilly	0	1	1

Hat Tricks: Grace Farnham 2.
Shutouts: Angelica Rotsart 7; Missy Rauseo 1; Rauseo & Rotsart 2.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 7, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Andrew Bourland, 39 High Street Street, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A and/or a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 to construct an open deck and repair existing garage that will nor meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 39 High Street, Andover, MA. in a single Residence A District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 38 as Lot 107.

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Premises affected are located at 12 Haverhill Street, Andover, MA in an Industrial A District and are shown on Assessor's Map 35 as Lot 5.

DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
November 22 & 30, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 7, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Walker Realty Trust, 2 Lantern Lane, Westford, MA 01886 for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.B.2.a.(2) & 4 to combine 2 lots and replace existing building at 516 So. Main Street and maintain existing structure at 514 So. Main Street to be used as accessory to the proposed future day care facility.

Premises affected are located at 514-516 South Main Street, Andover, MA in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 84 as Lots 7 & 8.

DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
November 22 & 30, 2000

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF ANDOVER BOARD OF HEALTH

A public hearing will be held by the Andover Board of Health in the Second Floor Conference Room, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street on Monday, December 18, 2000, at 7:45 P.M. in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41 Section 81U, Subdivision Control law for the purpose of reviewing the proposed subdivision Modified Definitive Plan entitled "STERLING OAKES" revision dated October 31, 2000 located off Rocky Hill Road, Andover, MA. as filed on November 8, 2000 by Sterling Woods Development Corporation, 246 Candlestick Road, North Andover, MA 01845.

BY Douglas Dunbar, Chairman
Andover Board of Health
November 30, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 7, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Railroad Street LLC, 1790 Turnpike St., North Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section, Sections IV.B.16.b and VI.A.5.c.(4) and for a special permit under Article VIII, Sections IV.B.a and VII.A.1 to all conversion of an existing non-conforming structure for the operation of a sit-down and take-out restaurant.

Premises affected are located at 17 Railroad Street, Andover, MA. in a Mixed Use District, and are shown on Assessor's Map 38 as Lot 1B.

DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
November 22 & 30, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 00P2624-EP1

NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF WILFRED J. BOUCHER

To all persons interested in the estate of WILFRED J. BOUCHER late of the County of Essex Date of Death, August 14, 2000.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by FRANK PIAZZA, of Atkinson in the State of New Hampshire praying that he be appointed executor thereof, without giving sureties on his bond. ANGELE BOUCHER, first named executrix in said will having deceased.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem Probate Court, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON January 16, 2001.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date: November 1, 2000

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
November 30, 2000

LEGAL NOTICE

The annual report of the Andover Historical Society is available at the address noted below for inspection during normal business hours by anyone requesting this information within 180 days after publication of this notice of its availability.

Andover Historical Society
97 Main Street
Andover MA 01810
Cliff Markell, President
Telephone: (978) 475-2236
November 30, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 7, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Rick Gagnon, 6 Whittier Court, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 to allow ta second story addition to a non-conforming residence which will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 6 Whittier Court, Andover, MA in a Single Residence A District; and is shown on Assessor's Map 39, as Lot 171.

DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
November 22 & 30, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 00P2487-EP1

NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF MARGARET P. BURDETT otherwise known as MARGARET BURDETT

To all persons interested in the estate of MARGARET P. BURDETT otherwise known as MARGARET BURDETT late of the County of Essex Date of Death, September 19, 2000.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by ROBERTA E. RENSINK named in said will as ROBERTA F. RENSINK, of Andover in the County of Essex praying that she be appointed executrix thereof, without giving sureties on her bond, and to the ATTORNEY GENERAL for said Commonwealth.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem Probate Court, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON January 8, 2001.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date: October 20, 2000.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
November 30, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 7, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Bruce & Mary Dunbar, 15 Appletree Lane, Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A to allow construction of a single family residence which will not meet the dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 13 Appletree Lane, Andover, MA. in a Single Residence B District; and is shown on Assessor's Map 42, as Lot 14.

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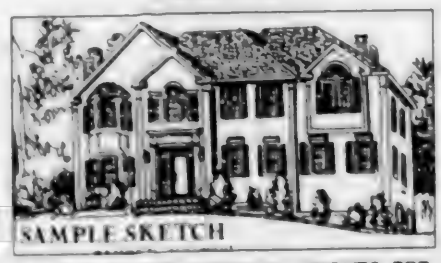
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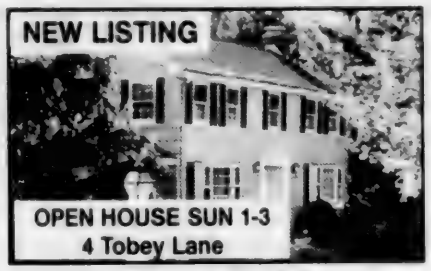


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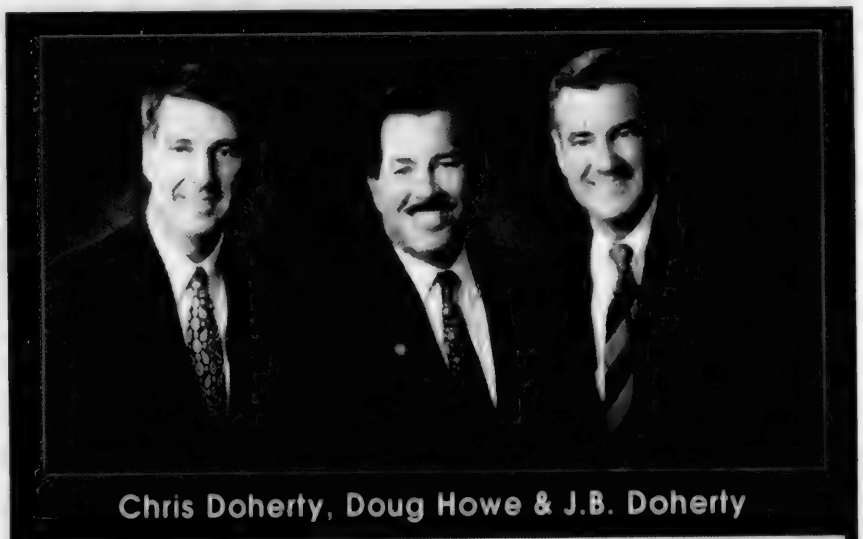
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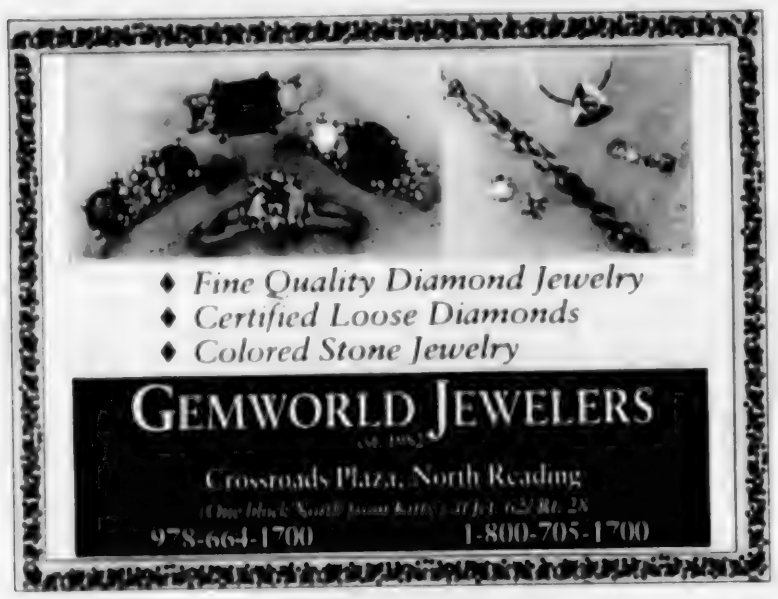
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Consumers likely to spend $10 billion on high-tech gadgets during this holiday season

(Newstream) – A nationwide poll conducted for Texas Instruments Inc. predicts that 40 million people will purchase personal technology items for their loved ones this holiday season.

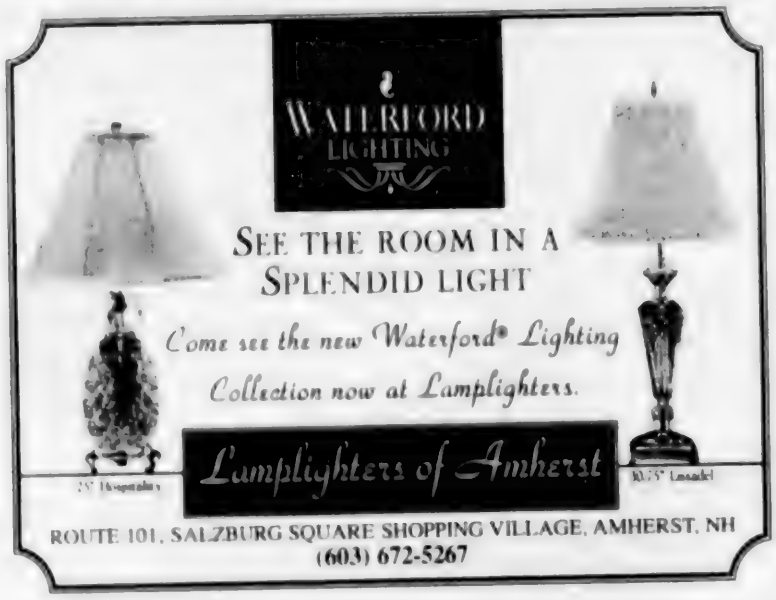
From cellular phones to digital cameras, consumers say they will spend approximately $250 each, resulting in $10 billion spent this year on electronic devices.

Citing decreasing prices and the necessity to communicate with loved ones as the top reasons why they will rush to store shelves this December, consumers prove that high-tech gadgets are becoming an important part of our everyday lives.

"The combination of convenience and increased functionality has transformed these gadgets from 'luxury' or 'techie' items to must-haves for today's busy consumer," says Doug Rasor, vice president of strategic marketing for Texas Instruments.

"The past year has shown the tremendous growth of electronic devices such as Internet audio players, digital cameras and PDAs (personal digital assistants), and consumer demand continues to drive innovative new features," says Chris Schairbaum, new business manager, emerging markets for Texas Instruments.

No longer luxury items, electronic devices help consumers stay organized and allow them to communicate with friends, colleagues and family anytime, anywhere.



Survey reveals how guys buy

(Newstream) – Men are on a mission this holiday season – to make holiday gift shopping a painless experience. "How Guys Buy," a survey commissioned by online superstore buy.com, reveals that for men, going to stores conjures up disturbing visions of long lines (43 percent), crowded parking lots (24 percent) and overly aggressive salespeople (14 percent). Faced with this scenario, nearly 70 percent surveyed said they would be as likely or more likely to shop online this year for the holidays.

Shop and destroy

The survey found that 40 percent of men are mission-oriented shoppers, who want to get into a Web site or store, get what they want and get out. One-third are browsers, who search for the best deal, and 22 percent describe themselves as game planners, who make a list before they shop and plan in advance, looking for Web sites or stores that have the best values.

The holiday shopping countdown

Most guys don't even think about holiday shopping until Santa is getting his sleigh ready for the long haul. Thirty-four percent start shopping for the holidays either one week in advance or the day before. More than one-quarter of men begin shopping the day after Thanksgiving. Most are still shopping on their own, with only one in 10 asking someone to act as a "shopping surrogate."

Given the dynamics of the online commerce environment, buy.com commissioned "How Guys Buy" to learn more about the wants and needs of men and their holiday shopping patterns. A total of 1,016 men age 18 or older were interviewed by telephone by Yankelovich Partners, using an unrestricted Random Digit Dialing process with a margin of error of +/- 3.1 percent. The total sample size was achieved during two consecutive surveys, with the first conducted between September 29 and October 2, and the second conducted between October 5 and October 8, 2000.



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Royal Jewelers wins 'Best of Boston'

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Every fall, the eagerly awaited "Best of Boston" issue of Boston Magazine hits the newsstands – it is the largest and fastest selling issue. The magazine is filled with the best restaurants and the best stores. Consumers are eager to discover the best and then visit those establishments. Two years in a row, Royal Jewelers of Andover has been selected "Best of Boston - Best Selection of Designer Jewelry."

"Winning this prestigious award the first time (in 1999) was quite an honor," says Steven Leed of Royal Jewelers. " Winning this award again in 2000 validates all our effort to become a world-class jeweler."

Siblings Paula and Steven joined the family business in the 1970s. Royal Jewelers was founded in 1948 by their father, Bernard Leed.

"When we entered the jewelry business, there really weren't brand names or recognized designers of fine jewelry. As both these categories began to emerge, we saw the importance to selling jewelry that had a signature design," says Mr. Leed.

Royal Jewelers features the world's best jewelry designers, including David Yurman, Kisselstein-Cord, Doris Panos, Stefan Hafner and about 30 more. The Leeds were among the first fine jewelers in the United States that pioneered the concept of selling and boutiquing designer jewelry. Because the Leeds embraced the concept very early, they have developed strong friendships with many talented designers. When in the area, designer David Yurman will stay at the home of one of the Leeds.

"No, there is not a plaque that says, 'David Yurman slept here,' says Ms. Leed.

Considering how many jewelers there are in Boston and its suburbs – and the fact that Andover is 20 miles north of Boston – the Leeds are very proud of the honor.

"We have been getting a lot of recognition on both the local and national level for the designers we feature and the innovative approach in which we take to display them," says Mr. Leed.

Royal also attracts many shoppers from out of state.

"They have read or heard about us or seen one of our national ads and travel from New York, Rhode Island and Connecticut, just to name a few. Our jewelry is beautiful and we are the only jeweler in New England where you can see so many designers in one store," says Mr. Leed.

This holiday season, be sure to spend time at Royal Jewelers. Pretty jewelry (and lots of it) is displayed beautifully, with assistance by a friendly staff – a winning combination. You will clearly see this is an award-winning jeweler.



For the second year in a row, Royal Jewelers of Andover has been named "Best of Boston - Best Selection of Designer Jewelry" by Boston Magazine. Pictured with the award are Paula and Steven of Royal Jewlers.

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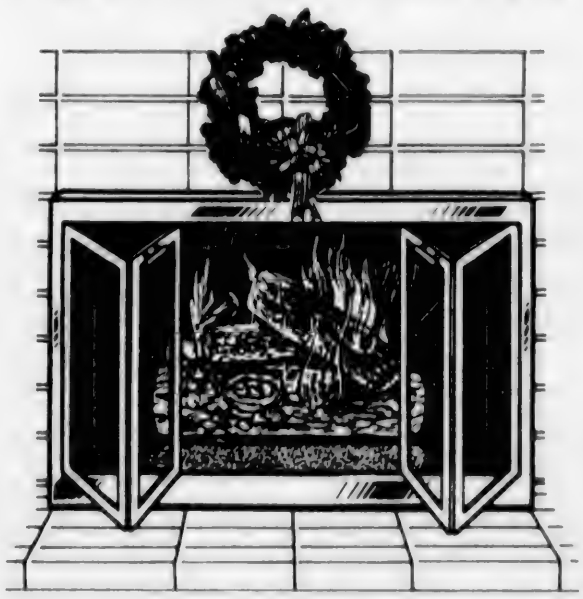
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Nutcracker notes





Samantha Keogh, from left, Paige Mahoney and Michelle Wiener are students at Le Studio de Ballet in Andover.

Le Studio de Ballet students perform in local 'Nutcracker' productions

Students from Le Studio de Ballet in Andover will perform in two productions of "The Nutcracker."

Paige Mahoney and Michelle Wiener, both of Andover, will perform in Dance Prism's production. Paige will dance as a caroler and as a peppermint. Michelle, who will also tour with the company around Massachusetts, will perform in three roles: caroler, soldier and mini-mouse. Performances will be held at the Collins Center at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 17.

Samantha Keogh of North Reading will dance as an angel in Albany Berkshire Ballet's production at the Collins Center at 3 and 7 p.m. Dec. 2 and 1 p.m. Dec. 3.

Kwolyk to perform 'Arabian Dance'

Amanda Kwolyk of Andover will perform the "Arabian Dance" with

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Amanda Kwolyk of Andover is a principal dancer for the Northeast Youth Ballet of Medford.

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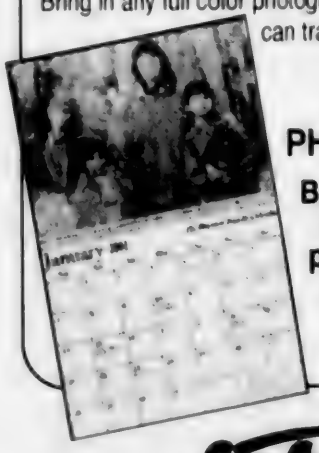
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Alec Lytton of the Boston Conservatory when the Northeast Youth Ballet presents "The Nutcracker" at the Chevalier Theatre, 30 Forest St., Medford. Performances will take place at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9 and 15, 1 and 5 p.m. Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Dec. 17

When Amanda is not dancing at Sandra Marie School of Ballet in Melrose (15 hours a week), she is a junior and an honor student at Austin Preparatory School. Her dance career began at age 5, when she appeared in the ballet "Gaselle." She has formerly danced with Boston Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker." Amanda is now a principal dancer for the Northeast Youth Ballet of Medford.

Susanna Valleau of Andover will also be appearing in the Northeast Youth Ballet's production.

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Rachel Rauh, daughter of Lisa and Tom Rauh of Andover, will perform in her fourth "Nutcracker" this year.

Local girl can be seen in José Mateo's 'Nutcracker'

Rachel Rauh of Andover, daughter of Lisa and Tom Rauh, will perform the roles of a cherub and a polichinelle in José Mateo's Ballet Theatre's production of "The Nutcracker." She joins the professional cast in its "Nutcracker" Tour, with shows Dec. 2 and 3 at the Cyrus W. Irish Auditorium at Lowell High School and Dec. 7-30 at the Emerson Majestic Theatre in Boston.

Rachel, a student at Dance Infusion, will be taking part in her fourth "Nutcracker" production. She is a sixth-grader at the Pike School.

Two young Andover dancers to be part of Boston Ballet's annual production

Andover children Cassie MacInnes and Jeannette Stow Doucette will appear as polichinelles in Boston Ballet's "The Nutcracker," running now through Dec. 31 at The Wang Theatre.

Jeannette has studied at Boston Ballet School for four years, while Cassie has been a student for six years; this will be Cassie's third year of performing in "The Nutcracker."

The two girls join more than 400 other young dancers from eastern Massachusetts and adjoining states who will take part in the ballet company's 50 performances this season.

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Jeannette Stow Doucette of Andover, 9 years old, will appear as a polichinelle in Boston Ballet's "The Nutcracker."

Andover School of Ballet students are angels ... and reindeer, too

Four local girls from the Andover School of Ballet are gearing up for performances in several area productions of "The Nutcracker."

Sarah Drinon, age 10, will be an angel and Leah Cairns will be a reindeer in Dance Prism's production at the Collins Center at Andover High School Dec. 16 and 17. Leah will also join the touring cast, as it travels to Fall River, Concord and Worcester.

Taking part in the Albany Berkshire Ballet's "Nutcracker," also at the Collins Center, will be Tereza Cicelova as an angel and Katja Grober, age 6 1/2, as a reindeer. The shows will be held Dec. 2 and 3.

The young dancers will have the opportunity to perform onstage with professionals and learn first-

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Andover's Cassie MacInnes will dance the role of a polichinelle with the Boston Ballet.

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Rules for last-minute shoppers

(NUI) – Are you a last-minute shopper? You're not alone. A recent survey by the Lenox gift company found that half of all Americans wait until the last minute, finding themselves in a frenzy to find the perfect gift in record time.

Katie Brown, author of "Katie Brown Entertains: 16 Menus, 16 Occasions, 16 Tables," offers the following gift-buying tips to fit today's busy lifestyles:

– Start a gift closet. Brown's solution for overcoming shopping blues is to create a gift closet so you'll always have gifts on hand. Whenever you see great gifts, pick them up and keep them in a central place.

– Personalize it. "The key to successful gift- giving is personalizing what you buy," says Ms. Brown. "Anything can become a great gift, as long as you keep the recipient in mind."

– Find your signature style. "How you wrap a gift is just as important as what's inside. A creatively wrapped gift is your calling card," says Ms. Brown. She suggests selecting something common to wrap all gifts – like always using yellow paper and a fresh flower.

– Always remember a hostess gift. Never go to a party empty-handed. Ms. Brown recommends wrapping a bottle of wine in two vintage napkins and attaching two wine glasses. The recipient will continue to toast your thoughtfulness long after the party is over.

– Never give money or a gift certificate. Gifts are supposed to make a statement about your feelings for the recipient. "Money – or its equivalent – doesn't convey your true sentiment," says Ms. Brown. "It says you didn't care enough to spend time determining what the recipient would enjoy."

– Use thought and creativity. According to the survey by Lenox, 90 percent of Americans believe the value of the present is not determined by its price.

– Treat yourself. Don't get "wrapped up" in only buying gifts for other people. Personal treats are a must to lift your spirits and brighten your day.

– Have fun! "Through gifts, we have a unique opportunity to show how we feel about the recipient," says Ms. Brown. "Keeping that in mind, you should also enjoy yourself. The best gifts are the ones that are fun for the giver, too."

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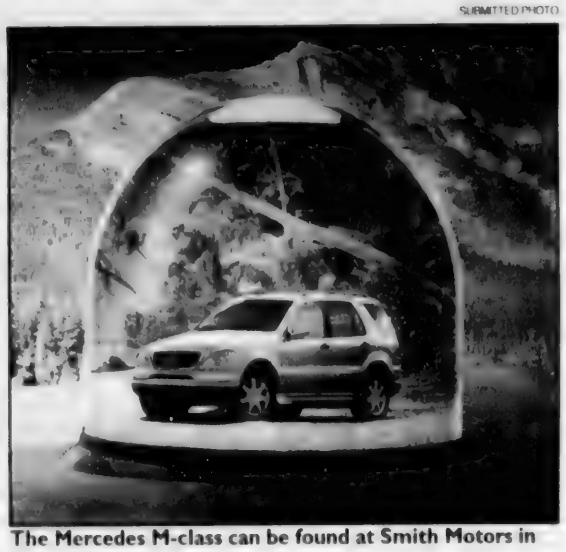
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(NU) – The holiday season is upon us, and you'd like to put a new flair on your Hanukkah meals. Try searching the Internet for some new recipe ideas.

For example, a Hanukkah recipe for apple latkes found at www.Epicurious.com is sure to be a specialty in your home this year.

Apple Latkes
(four servings)

4 tart or sweet apples
2 to 3 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons brandy, dark rum or fruit liqueur
2 eggs, separated
2 tablespoons light vegetable oil
A good pinch of salt
1 cup flour
7/8 cup water
Vegetable oil for frying, preferably sunflower
Superfine sugar for sprinkling on after serving

Core and peel the apples and cut each into four thick slices; put them in a shallow dish with the sugar and brandy, rum or liqueur and turn them so they are well-coated. Leave the apples for at least one hour, turning the slices over occasionally so that they absorb the spirit.

For the batter, beat the yolks with the oil and salt, then stir in the flour and mix well. Next, beat in the water gradually and vigorously, squashing any lumps. Leave for an hour, then fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites.

Heat at least 3/4 inch of oil in a large frying pan. Dip the apple slices in the batter – about five at a time – making sure that they are well-covered with batter. Lift each apple slice out carefully and lower into the hot oil. The oil must be sizzling but not too hot, or the fritters will brown before the apple is soft inside. Fry in batches and turn the slices over to brown both sides. Lift out with a slotted spatula and drain on kitchen paper before serving. Pass the superfine sugar for everyone to sprinkle on.

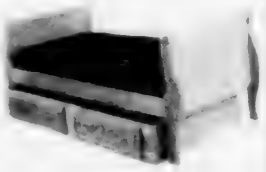
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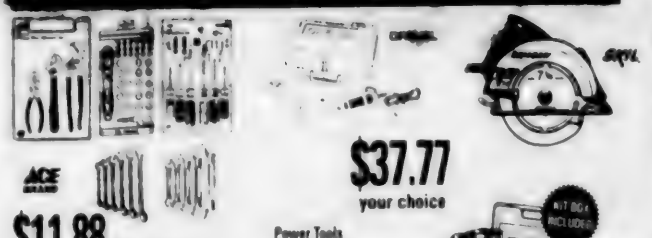
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Nine-year-old Tereza Cicelova, left, will perform the role of an angel in the Albany Berkshire Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker." Leah Cairns, right, age 10, will be a reindeer in the Dance Prism production. Both girls go to the Andover School of Ballet.

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hand about the life of a professional dancer.

Dance Prism to make its annual appearance at the Collins Center

Nearly 30 Andover dancers can be seen in Dance Prism's "The Nutcracker" at the Collins Center this year. Performances will be held at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 and at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 17.

Also, Andover youngsters joining the ensemble's touring cast for shows in Fall River include: Alexandra Allocca, Blair Beasley, Catherine Hannum, Jessica Lin, Andrea Lopilato, Molly McLaughlin, Pauline Russell, Jill Saba, Anna Silva, Alyssa Sloan, Sarah Tourigny, Chelsea Canepa, Kelsey Eriksen, Alexandra Flint, Casey Deschene, Emily Barry, Elana Cogliano, Elizabeth Dunleavy, Erica Godek, Suzanne Hysly and Laura Maxey.

Dance Prism has presented "The Nutcracker" throughout New England each season since 1983.

Two Andover High School students to dance on Rogers Center stage

Andover High School students Meghan Bradley and E.B. McCarthy will dance senior parts in the New England Civic Ballet's performances of "The Nutcracker" at the Rogers Center for the Arts in North Andover.

Meghan will dance the Spanish (Chocolate) divertissement, Snow and The Red Rose. E.B. McCarthy will take part in the Waltz of the Flowers, and she will also perform the role of an angel.

The ballet company includes dancers from Andover, North Andover and throughout the Merrimack Valley. Performances of "The Nutcracker" will be held Dec. 8-10.

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Meghan Bradley of Andover will dance in the New England Civic Ballet's "The Nutcracker" at The Rogers Center for the Arts.

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Try time-saving techniques for holiday baking

(NAPSA) – Nearly three-fourths of Americans have a time-saving secret when it comes to holiday baking, according to a recent survey by the Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline.

The most popular time-saving technique among those surveyed is to enlist family members to help with baking. Preparing food in advance and freezing it or baking in mass quantities are also techniques used regularly during the holidays and throughout the year.

Get a head start on your holiday baking this year by preparing and then refrigerating some dessert toppings. To present as a gift, decorate the jars with festive ribbon and add gift tags.

Caramel Silk in a Jar

1-1/2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
1-1/2 cups sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
2/3 cup butter
1-1/3 cups heavy whipping cream

• Combine all ingredients except whipping cream in a three-quart heavy saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until mixture comes to a full boil (15 to 20 minutes). Stir in whipping cream; continue cooking one minute. Cool five minutes. Pour mixture into five (eight-ounce) jars. Cool 15 minutes; cover. Store refrigerated.

• To serve, remove cover. Microwave on high, stirring every 30 seconds, until hot (30 to 60 seconds) – watch closely.

Chocolate Velvet Sauce in a Jar

1 cup sugar
2/3 cup evaporated milk
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
1/4 cup light corn syrup
12 ounces high-quality, semi-sweet chocolate bars, chopped*
2 teaspoons vanilla

• Combine sugar, evaporated milk, butter and corn syrup in heavy three-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a full boil (15 to 20 minutes). Boil three minutes; remove from heat.

• Immediately add chocolate pieces. Beat with wire whisk or electric mixer until smooth. Stir in vanilla. Pour into three (eight-ounce) jars while warm. Cool 15 minutes. Cover; store refrigerated.

• To serve, remove cover. Microwave on high, stirring every 30 seconds, until hot (60 to 90 seconds) – watch carefully.

* Substitute 1 (12-ounce) package (2 cups) semi-sweet real chocolate chips.

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The truth about Santa



(Newstream) – Everyone knows Christmas is a magical time of year – so, everyday logic simply can't be applied to Santa Claus, his industrious elves and his eight tiny reindeer.

But, just for fun, American Greetings, a manufacturer and distributor of greeting cards and special occasion products, conducted an in-depth study to find out what would happen if the usual rules and regulations were applied to Jolly Old St. Nick's U.S. travels.

Assuming Santa will travel east to west to take advantage of the earth's rotation, he will have 31 hours to complete his mission this Christmas Eve. During this time, he will stop at 87 million homes, and he will leave cards and gifts for an astounding 456 children every second! The actual total may be slightly less, since the study made no attempt to distinguish between naughty and nice children.

Sound amazing? Well, consider this: If each child receives only a single two-pound gift, Santa's sleigh will be carrying a payload of 50,900 tons. Talk about your "fit and buff" reindeer! (American Greetings thinks Santa must pay for personal trainers during the off-season.)

To carry all of the gifts, Santa will definitely need to "super-size" his sleigh. Assuming each gift measures just two cubic feet, the sleigh will need to be as large as nearly three Empire State Buildings stacked together.

The American Greetings study shows that Santa must also be a master of diplomacy and persuasion. Just think ... He crosses national borders freely and without incident. He has never once checked in with customs or immigration, and no one inspects his toys for safety. And, the amazing "fit and trim" reindeer never need a food or water break!

Finally, if you think your holiday budget is stretched to the limits, pity poor Santa. The study shows that it would require 109,000 elves working 12 solid weeks to make enough gifts for each child to receive one by Christmas Eve.

Assuming Santa is paying the median salary of $21 per hour required for a skilled craftsman, he's shelling out more than $1 billion dollars to cover the elf payroll! And, that doesn't include medical, dental or a 401(k) plan.

"The Santa Claus Project" was compiled by American Greetings after consulting with scientific, health, children, transportation and government experts.

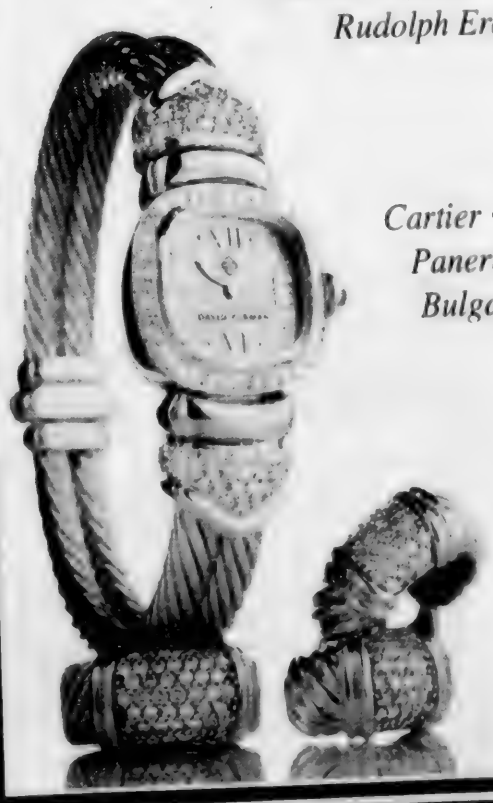
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Homemade holidays: recipe and craft ideas

By Eric M. Danis

Buying gifts for your loved ones is a huge part of the holiday season. But, many people rely on other methods to give Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa that "special" holiday feel: Homemade crafts and creative cooking can really set the tone for a great holiday.

You can buy your family the best gifts available, but cook them a sub-par holiday meal and you will leave them with a sour taste in their mouths. Likewise, store-bought ornaments will hang from your tree just fine, but homemade crafts often make the holidays more homey and memorable.

Maureen Carter of Saving Thyme, a personal chef service in Chelmsford, recognizes the importance of cooking a delicious holiday meal; she also knows how difficult it can be to do so without making mistakes.

"I think it is very easy to not give yourself enough time, especially when you've got people coming and you want to cook really nice food for them," says Ms. Carter.

Ms. Carter has a reputation for cooking quality food for local residents through her business.

"I meet with people and design menus based on what they want to eat and what they need to eat," she says.

After designing a menu, Ms. Carter gives her clients a choice of what they want to eat. She then cooks four portions of five different entrees and four portions of three different side dishes – about a month's worth of food – and wraps everything for her clients to freeze. Ms. Carter's $350 charge includes packaging, cost of food and her time.

Before working as a personal chef, Ms. Carter worked for six years as a microbiologist. The experience qualifies her to warn others against a potentially harmful holiday cooking mistake.

"You want to make sure that if you are having turkey that it is cooked well enough," says Ms. Carter.

The preparatory stage is not the only stage in which food can become tainted. A long discussion period after a holiday meal, during which the food sits out on the table, can also cause problems.

"Sometimes, people let their food sit around a little too long after dinner," says Ms. Carter. "It could begin to spoil."

Roast beef and country ham are staples at Ms. Carter's family Christmas celebration.

"I always bring a homemade cranberry relish," she says.

People preparing big holiday meals this year should use Ms. Carter's family as an example to remind themselves that it is perfectly acceptable to ask guests to bring food. One frequent mistake people make when planning their celebration is to try to prepare too much food in a short amount of time. Delegation, along with asking others to bring food, can greatly reduce stress levels and give the meal a diverse flavor.

"Take it easy on yourself. Don't think that everything has to be homemade or that you have do it all yourself," says Ms. Carter.

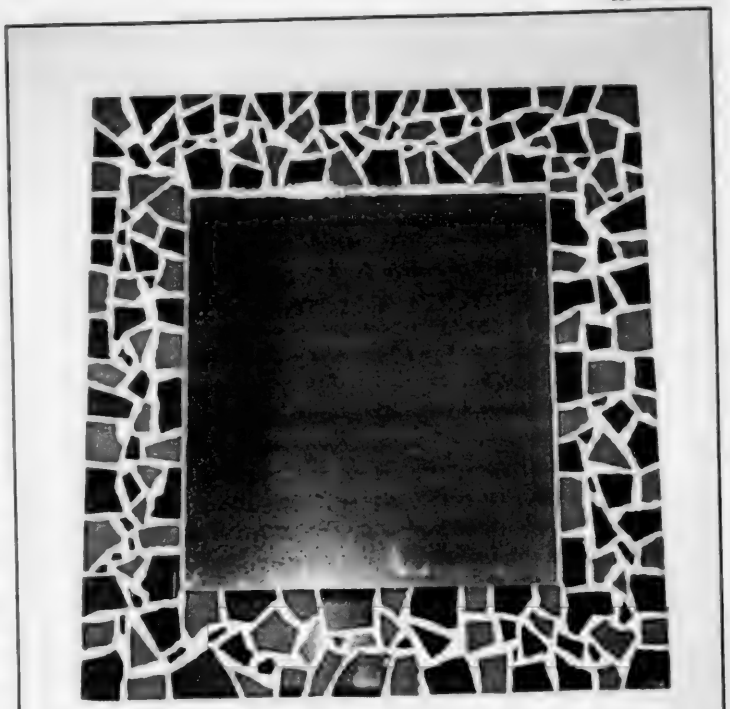
"Think things through and try to be organized," is another tip that Ms. Carter gives to anyone who will be preparing a large holiday meal. Careful planning may prevent a last-minute, frantic run to the store for a forgotten ingredient and will ensure that enough time has been allotted to finish everything before the guests arrive.

In terms of specific, practical advice, Ms. Carter says that one slight alteration can help holiday chefs.

"For people having turkey, it's probably much easier to cook the stuffing in a casserole dish instead of inside the turkey," she says.

Ms. Carter also advises people to improve side dishes whenever possible. For instance, she notes that green beans can be enhanced by adding spices or a sauce. Regular gravy can also be

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Jessica Craven of North Reading created the mosaic mirror shown here. She says most people appreciate the time and effort that go into handcrafted gifts.

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improved by adding some white wine or thyme. Demi-glace, a reduction of beef stock, can be added to roast beef to improve the flavor of the meat.

What about people who will be cooking a large holiday meal for the first time this year? Ms. Carter advises first-timers to serve appetizers that are not too complicated.

"The thing about appetizers is that they can get really time-consuming, so make sure not to pick too many that take a long time to prepare," she says.

Cut vegetables with a dip or spread is a simple appetizer that can be prepared quickly and is quite popular, especially since people are becoming more health conscious than they were in holidays past, according to Ms. Carter.

Choosing an appetizer is not the only worry confronting the novice chef during the holidays. The main course can also pose problems. Ms. Carter states that one key concern is ensuring that the main course is big enough to serve all guests. It is better to have leftovers than to not have enough food. Another of Ms. Carter's culinary tips involves side dishes. She says that if red potatoes are used in the making of the mashed potatoes, it is perfectly acceptable to leave the skin on while mashing; this prevents you from having to take the time to peel the potatoes.

For the final course, both novice and experienced chefs should not be shy about accepting desserts from guests.

In general, Ms. Carter tells people to "make sure you've got a balance of textures, colors and ingredients."

Good cooking is not the only thing that can spice up the holidays. Homemade crafts, such as gifts or decorations, can also greatly enhance the spirit of the season. Jessica Craven, a North Reading resident and local artist, says that homemade gifts are usually appreciated.

"I think it's personalized, and I think people really appreciate that," Ms. Craven says. "People know a lot of time and effort were put into (homemade gifts), which they appreciate."

Although Ms. Craven hand paints furniture and does other types of artwork, her main focus is on mosaics. She constructs mosaics by using broken plates, tiles, mirrors and stained glass. Ms. Craven says that the mosaics make great gifts.

"I've given many of them as gifts. All of my family and friends have one," she says.

Ms. Craven says that one does not have to be extremely artistic in order to make the type of mosaics that she creates.

"If you are good at doing puzzles, you'd be good at mosaics," states Ms. Craven. "Obviously, the more artistic you are, the more creative you'll be in putting together your design. But, it's really easy and really fun, and I recommend that people try it."

In just two or three hours, a beginner can create a mosaic around the perimeter of a picture frame or mirror, according to Ms. Craven. She often buys flat picture frames with borders of between an inch and a half to 2 inches, and then she constructs the mosaic directly on top of the picture frame surface. It is important that the frame be flat.

The first step in creating a mosaic is to take everything out of the picture frame, so that just the basic border remains. If the glass or picture are left inside of the frame, they may become stained.

Ms. Craven recommends that beginners work with tiles, as opposed to plates or glass. Tiles are easier to work with because they contain straight edges and corners, while plates and glass do not. Also, a person wanting to work with glass

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Maureen Carter of Saving Thyme, a personal chef service in Chelmsford, says it is perfectly acceptable to ask guests to bring food to a holiday celebration.

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1 cup parsley, chopped
2 sticks butter
2 large packages of Pepperidge Farm herb stuffing cubes
3 tablespoons thyme
3 tablespoons sage
3 servings egg substitute
Pepper, to taste
Chicken broth

Melt butter in a large saute pan. Add onions, celery and parsley and cook until the celery is soft and the onions are beginning to brown. Place bread cubes in a large container and add the thyme, sage and pepper. Add the onion mixture, egg substitute and the amount of chicken broth needed for the two packages of stuffing (check package directions for quantity).
Mix well and put in buttered casserole dishes. Dot with butter and cook uncovered.
Plan 90 minutes for cooking time but check at one hour. If the stuffing is ready early, it can sit covered until the rest of the meal is ready.

Cooked Cranberry-Orange Relish
(12 servings)

1 pound cranberries, picked over and washed
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
2 teaspoons orange rind, grated
1/2 cup orange juice
1/2 cup almonds, toasted

Combine all ingredients, except the almonds, in a saucepan and cook until the cranberries pop open (about 10 minutes). Skim the foam from the surface and add the almonds. Cool.

Carrots And Basil
(six servings)

1 pound baby carrots
3 tablespoons basil, chiffonade
1/4 cup water
2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon rice vinegar
1 tablespoon honey

Combine carrots, water, butter, vinegar and honey in large skillet and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium, cover and simmer until carrots are almost tender (about 12 minutes). Uncover and cook until carrots are tender and liquid is reduced to a glaze (about six minutes longer). Add basil and mix together. Season with salt and pepper.
All recipes submitted by Maureen Carter, Saving Thyme



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will have to purchase glass cutters, which can cost around $20. Tiles are sold individually at stores such as Home Depot, usually for about 13 cents a tile. It is possible to select different colors according to one's preference.

An 8-by-10 picture frame would require approximately eight tiles, according to Ms. Craven. With either plates or tiles, after selecting the colors one desires, it is necessary to break the object into small, manageable pieces; this is done by placing the plate or tile in the middle of a towel. The towel protects the surface of the plate or tile from getting chipped. Placing the bottom side of the plate or tile facing up can also prevent chipping. After placing the ceramic object in the towel, it is necessary to take a hammer to it. It is possible to break the tiles into whatever sizes one wishes, according to Ms. Craven.

"If you want smaller pieces, you just keep hitting until you get the size you want. The pieces usually end up being about a half inch or

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an inch," she says.

After smashing the tiles, Ms. Craven then separates the edge pieces from the center pieces, as if she were working on a jigsaw puzzle. Ms. Craven also keeps different colors separated.

It is important to have a quality glue product handy. Ms. Craven recommends a product called Liquid Nails. She also suggests starting the mosaic of the frame by working on a corner.

"When you break your tile, you'll end up with four corners. So, take a corner piece and put it in a corner of the frame," Ms. Craven explains.

After gluing down the four different corner pieces, one can then begin connecting the corners along the outside edges, using the tile pieces with straight sides. Each piece can be glued as it is placed. Creativity may be necessary when determining which pieces to place together.

"You'll find pieces that sort of go together," says Ms. Craven.

It is important to leave approximately 2 millimeters between each piece of tile. After the outside border is completed, the same process is repeated for the inner square. After both the inner and outer borders are completed, "You just start filling in (the frame). There's no right way or wrong way, no way to mess it up," says Ms. Craven.

After all of the tiles are glued into place, the mosaic frame should be left overnight to dry. Otherwise, it will be impossible to place grout in the 2-millimeter spaces without having the tiles slide significantly. After the frame dries, it is time to apply the grout, which Ms. Craven describes as "like cement. It's the same stuff people use to tile a bathroom floor."

The grout comes with mixing directions, and Ms. Craven recommends wearing gloves when working with the grout, because it is messy. Next, one needs to fill in the spaces between the tiles with the grout; this can be done with a trowel or even your fingers. The grout should be left to harden for 20 minutes, then use a damp sponge to wipe off excess grout from the tiles. The frame should again be left to dry for 20 minutes, then use a cotton rag to buff the tiles. Finally, the frame should be left to dry overnight.

If given as a holiday gift, Ms. Craven says that the frames can be made with holiday-colored tiles.

"I did a Hanukkah picture frame, so I used blue and white," she says. "I also have a picture frame that is red and white striped to look like a candy cane. If you are doing (the frames) as gifts, you can incorporate the favorite color of the person receiving the gift."

Quick and easy holiday crafts

Tassel Angel

Materials:

1 full skein embroidery floss
1/2 of a gold (or tinsel) pipe cleaner
2 matching feathers
1/2 of a wooden bead (with or without a painted face)
6 inches of 1/8-inch ribbon
Thread for making hanger/tie
Scissors
Tacky glue

Instructions:

1. Take the floss, leaving the tabs on the ends, and fold in half, making sure the ends are even lengths.
2. Take one end of the pipe cleaner, fold the end one inch and wrap around the floss at the center – twist tightly.
3. Slide the bead onto the pipe cleaner all the way to the floss over the twist. Twist the remainder of the pipe cleaner around your finger and twist the end to make a loop, then fold over the top of the bead to make the halo.
4. Take the ribbon and tie very tightly near the top of the floss to make the bodice of the angel, making sure the open sides of the loops are to the sides and the knot is in the front. Tie a knot, then make a small bow.
5. Take the tab ends off of the floss, then cut the ends of the loops to form the skirt. Comb out with your fingers.
6. Dip the ends of the feathers into the glue and stick into the side openings in the "bodice" to form the wings.
7. To hang as an ornament or to use as a package tie, tie the thread around the "neck" of the angel below the bead and make a loop.
8. You can leave the bead blank or draw a face. You can even add hair with fine-point permanent markers or tiny pain brushes. The angel is even easy enough for children to make.

Fuzzy Bear Brooch

Materials:

2 1-inch pompoms
7 1/2-inch pompoms
3 3/8-inch black beads
1 3/8-inch white bead
Small satin bow
Hot glue gun
Brooch pin

Instructions:

1. Glue the two 1-inch pompoms together, one on top of the other. The top pompom will be the head, the bottom pompom will be the body. Try using pompoms with metallic threads in them.
2. Glue one 1/3-inch pompom to the front of the head, just below the center, to form the snout.
3. Glue two 1/2-inch pompoms to the top of the head to form ears.
4. Glue one 1/2-inch pompom to either side of the body to form arms.
5. Glue two 1/2-inch pompoms to the bottom of the body to form legs.
6. Glue a black bead to the end of the snout to make a nose.
7. Glue on two black beads for eyes.
8. Glue the satin bow under the snout. Glue the white bead to the center of the bow.
9. Glue the brooch pin to the back of the bear. Alternately, you could glue on a satin ribbon and hang the bear like an ornment.
10. Experiment by making bears from larger pompoms and hanging them on the Christmas tree.

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'Tis the season for the taste of cinnamon, say cooks

(NAPSA) – One of the spices that sums up the best of the busy holiday season is cinnamon. Adding a touch of cinnamon flavor can help cooks whip up easy-to-serve foods that delight the senses.

Chewy Drizzled Cinnamon Chips Cookies
(Makes about five dozen)

3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
1 cup packed light brown sugar
1/4 cup light corn syrup
1 egg
1-2/3 cups (10-ounce package) Hershey's Cinnamon Chips, divided
2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup finely ground pecans or walnuts

Beat butter and brown sugar in large bowl until fluffy. Add corn syrup and egg; mix well.

Place 1 cup cinnamon chips in microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at high for one minute; stir. If necessary, microwave at high an additional 15 seconds at a time, stirring after each heating, just until chips are melted when stirred. Stir into butter mixture.

Stir together flour, baking soda and salt; add to cinnamon chips mixture, beating just until blended. Cover. Refrigerate dough about one hour, or until firm enough to handle.

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Shape dough into 1-inch balls; roll in nuts, lightly pressing nuts into dough. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake eight to 10 minutes, or until golden around edges. Cool slightly. Remove from cookie sheet and place on wire rack. Cool completely. Drizzle with Cinnamon Chips Drizzle.

Cinnamon Chips Drizzle: Place remaining 2/3 cup cinnamon chips and 1-1/2 teaspoons shortening (do not use butter, margarine, spread or oil) in small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at high for one minute; stir until chips are melted and mixture is smooth.

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Better baking begins with a few basic tips

(NAPSA) – A few basic tips can help you bake the kind of holiday cookies people are likely to go bananas over.

The first tip: Always read through the recipe, so there are no surprises. Assemble all ingredients and equipment, prepare the pans, set oven racks in the right position and preheat the oven before you begin mixing. Following are some more baking tips.

• Stick to sticks. Never use the whipped style of butter or margarine, since it contains too much liquid. Professional bakers prefer unsalted butter.

• Measure accurately. Spoon unsifted flour into the right size measuring cup and level off with the straight edge of a knife or metal spatula; measure granulated or brown sugar in the same way, but press regular brown sugar lightly into the cup.

• Use shiny metal pans or pans with a non-stick finish. Dull, dark or enamel pans may cause uneven and excessive browning. Reduce oven temperature by 25 degrees if you are using glass or porcelain-coated aluminum pans with nonstick finish.

• If baking several batches of cookies, let baking sheets cool between batches.

• Wait until the minimum baking time has passed before opening the oven to test. Wait until cookies are completely cool before storing in an airtight container, or they will soften.

For the following Basic Banana Holiday Cookies recipe, you need an extra-ripe banana to get the right level of sweetness and soft texture. The banana should have a speckled or even a very dark peel. If bananas reach that point before you are ready to bake, puree or mash them and store in an airtight container in the freezer until you're ready to bake.

Basic Banana Holiday Cookies

(Prep: 15 minutes; bake: 12 minutes; makes: 4-1/2 dozen)

2-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup margarine, softened
1-1/4 cups granulated sugar, divided
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 egg
1 large, ripe banana, mashed (about 1/2 cup)
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

• Combine flour, baking soda and salt in medium bowl; set aside.

• Beat together margarine, 1 cup granulated sugar and brown sugar in large bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and banana until blended. Stir in flour mixture until combined. Cover and refrigerate two hours, or overnight, until dough is firm enough to handle.

• Combine remaining 1/4 cup granulated sugar and cinnamon in small bowl.

• Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in cinnamon mixture; place 2 inches apart on ungreased baked sheets.

• Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes, or until lightly browned. Carefully remove cookies and place on wire rack to cool completely.



Use extra-ripe bananas to make Basic Banana Holiday Cookies.

Variation: For Chocolate Banana Stars, prepare, shape and bake dough as directed above, except roll dough in 1 cup finely chopped almonds instead of cinnamon mixture. Immediately after baking, press unwrapped individual milk chocolate pieces into center of each cookie. Cool as directed.

Baking cookies can be a delightful way to get the whole family in a holiday mood.

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Make roasted duckling a part of your holiday feast

(NAPSA) Instead of the typical turkey or ham, try a roasted duckling as the centerpiece for your holiday meal this year.

Roast Duckling with Apple-Walnut Stuffing
(serves four)

1 5-pound duckling
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 1/2 cups celery, diced
2 cups cooking apples, peeled and chopped
2 cups 1/2-inch bread cubes
1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt

Preparation:

1. Thaw duckling in refrigerator. Remove bag. Remove neck and giblets from body cavity. Rinse duckling under cold water. Season with salt, pepper and paprika.

2. In medium skillet, over medium heat, melt butter. Add celery; sauté three to four minutes, until tender not brown. Add apples, bread cubes, walnuts, brown sugar and salt; toss gently to mix.

3. Fill neck and body cavities of duckling loosely with the stuffing. Cover opening of body cavity with aluminum foil. Roast uncovered, breast up, on rack in roasting pan for 30 minutes per pound in an oven preheated to 350 degrees. (A five-pound duck will take two and a half hours.) Internal temperature will reach 185 degrees, when measured at the thigh joint. The legs move freely and juices run clear when the duckling is done. Stuffing may be cooked in a separate baking dish during the last 45 minutes of roasting.

Stuffing variations:

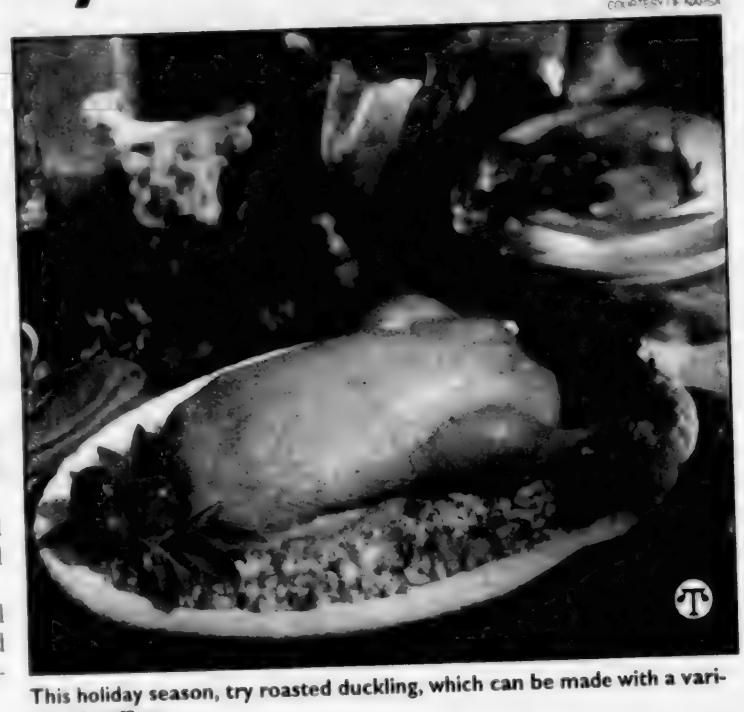
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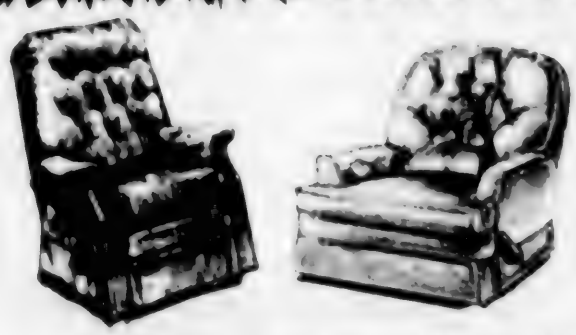


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Parmesan Rosemary Shortbread

(16 servings)
Prep. time: 15 minutes
Cook time: eight minutes

1 cup (4 ounces) Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, slightly softened, cut into chunks
1/2 cup flour
2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary or 3/4 teaspoon dried rosemary
1/4 cup toasted walnuts, chopped
1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon salt

For topping:
1 package (12 ounces) cranberries
1-1/2 cups granulated sugar
3/4 cup water
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground olives
1 medium onion, chopped
1 medium apple, cored and chopped
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Mix Parmesan and butter in food processor until mixture resembles coarse crumbs, using on/off motion. Add flour, rosemary, walnuts, pepper and salt. Process until ingredients hold together.

Remove dough from bowl. Divide dough into two equal halves. On a lightly floured surface, roll each half into a circle about 7 inches in diameter and 1/8 of an inch thick. Cut into eight wedges. Transfer wedges to a cookie sheet. Bake until golden around edges (about six to eight minutes). Remove from cookie sheet and cool on wire rack. Store in a covered container up to one week, or freeze up to two weeks.

For topping, combine cranberries, sugar, water and spices in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and cook 10 minutes, or until mixture thickens. Stir in onions, apple and vinegar. Cook for 15 minutes over medium heat. Cool and store in refrigerator for up to two weeks.

Gouda and Feta Pizzettes

(18 servings)
Prep. time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

1 package (17.3 ounces) frozen puff pastry, thawed
8 large plum tomatoes, sliced 1/4-inch thick
1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) smoked Gouda cheese, shredded
1 cup (4 ounces) feta cheese, crumbled
1/4 cup calamata olives, coarsely chopped
6 tablespoons chopped mixed herbs, such as basil, oregano and sage
Coarsely ground black pepper

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. On a lightly floured board, unfold one sheet of puff pastry and roll into a 10-inch square, about 1/8-inch thick. Make two parallel cuts lengthwise and two parallel cuts crosswise to make nine equal squares of dough. Arrange three slices of tomato on each pastry. Sprinkle with pepper. Top with Gouda, crumbled feta and olives. Place pizzettes on cookie sheet. Bake until pastry is golden brown and has puffed (about 18 to 20 minutes). Remove from oven and sprinkle with herbs. Serve warm.

Cheddar Roasted New Potatoes

(25 servings)
Prep. time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

12 small new potatoes (about 2 inches in diameter)
1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

For filling:
1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded sharp cheddar cheese
6 tablespoons green onion, finely chopped
6 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
1 tablespoon spicy brown mustard
1 teaspoon horseradish

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Clean potatoes and cut in half. With a melon baller or sharp spoon, scoop out a small amount of potato from each half. Place potatoes cut-side-up in shallow roasting pan. Brush lightly with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake 20 minutes. Turn potatoes over and cook until they are tender (about five to 10 additional minutes). Remove potatoes from oven and transfer to cooling rack. Let cool slightly.

For filling, mix remaining ingredients in a medium bowl. Spoon a heaping teaspoon of cheese mixture into the center of each cooked potato. Return to the baking sheet and place in the oven until cheese melts (about three minutes).

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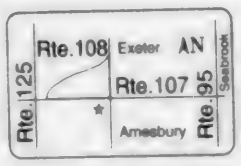




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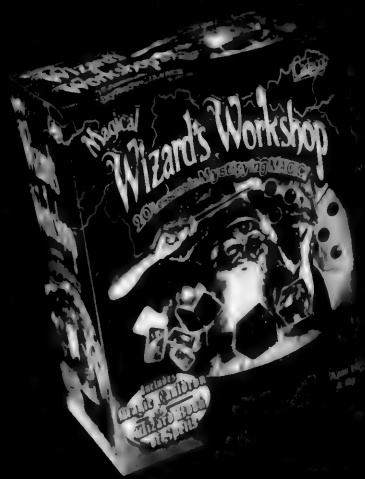
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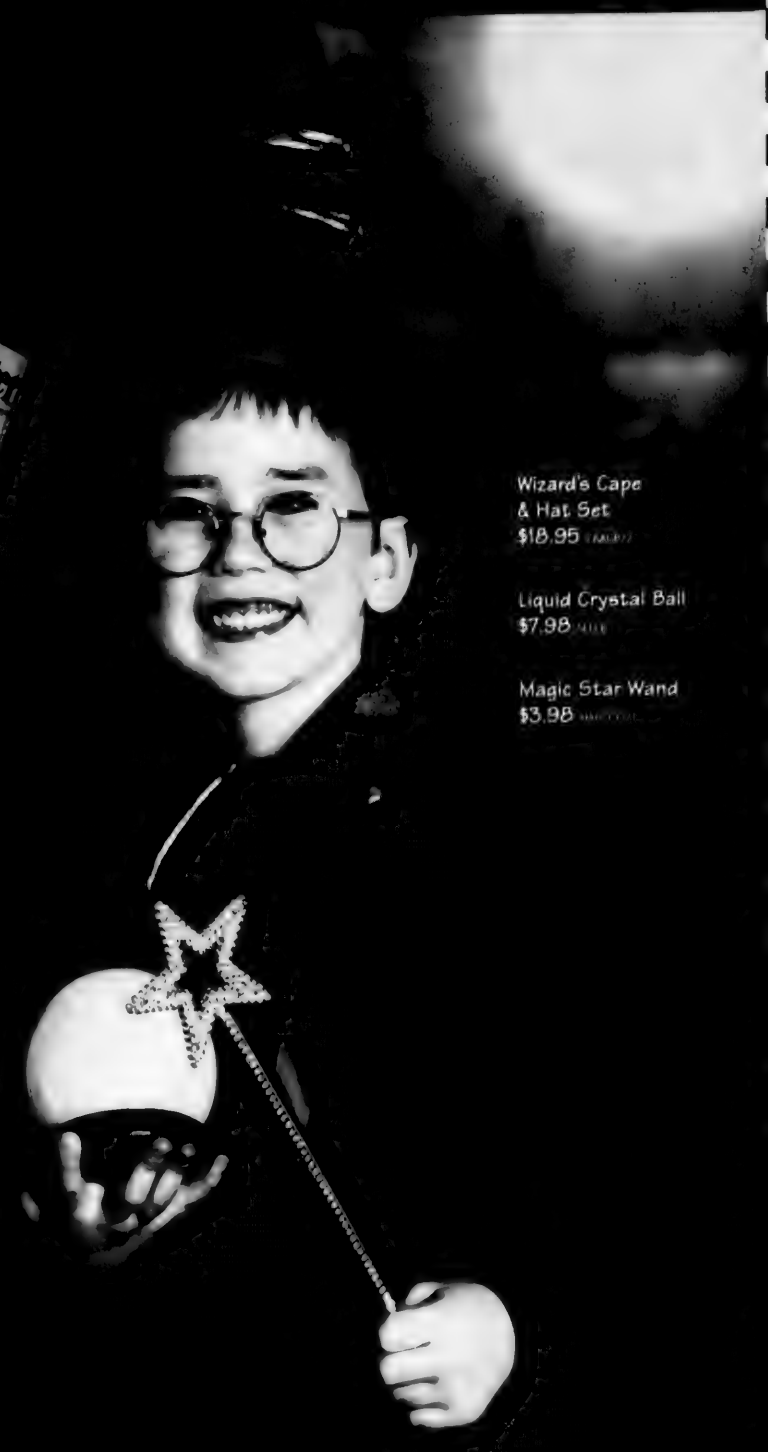
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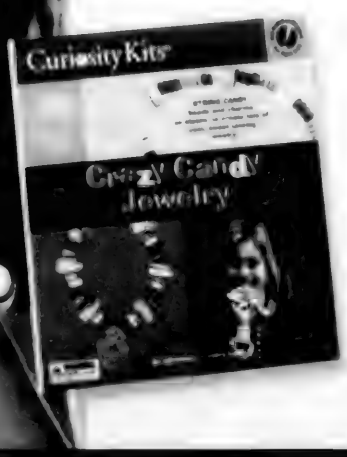




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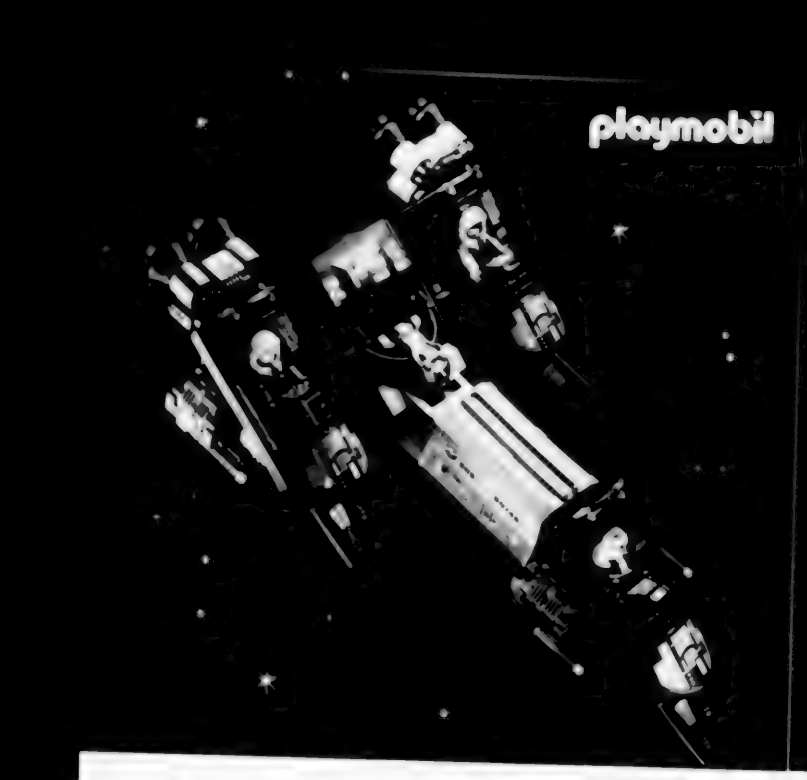


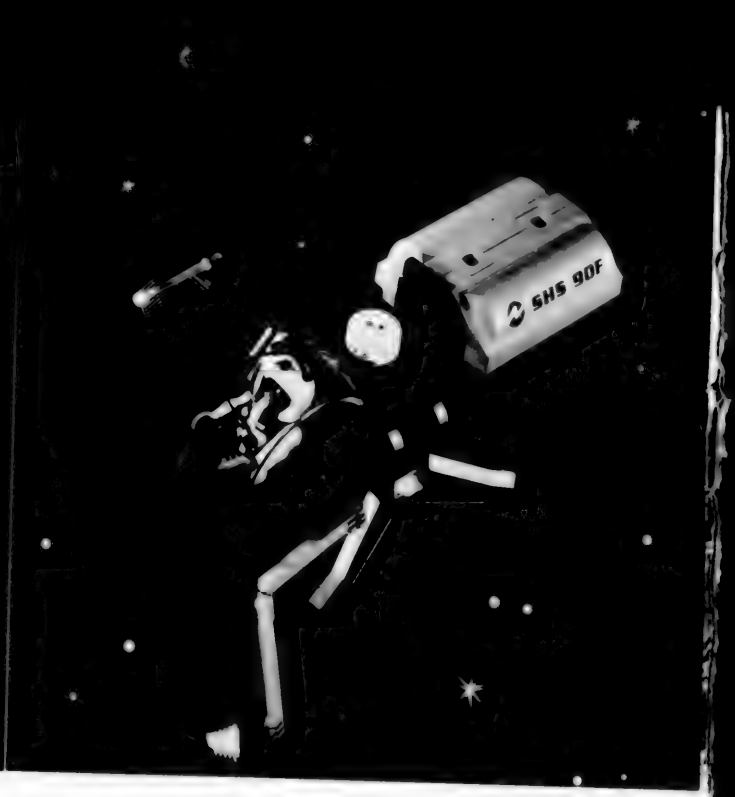
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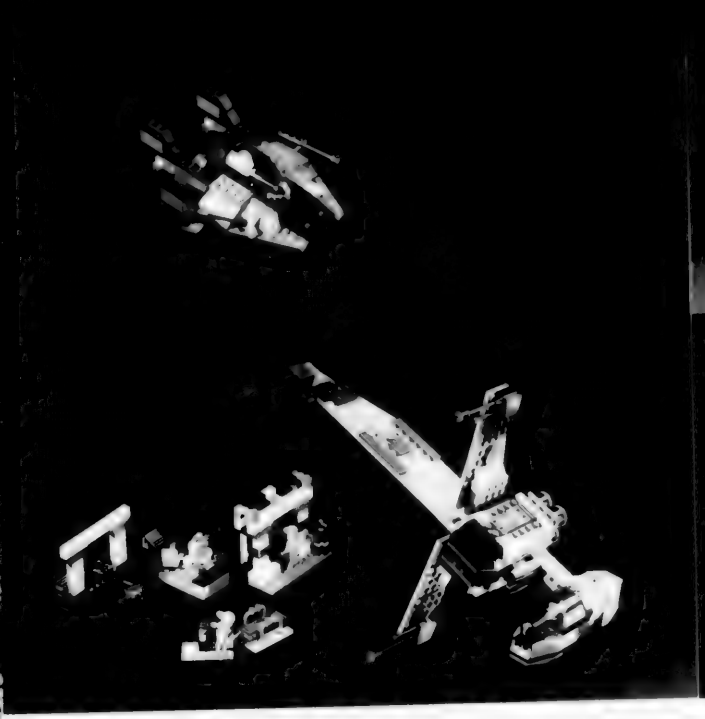
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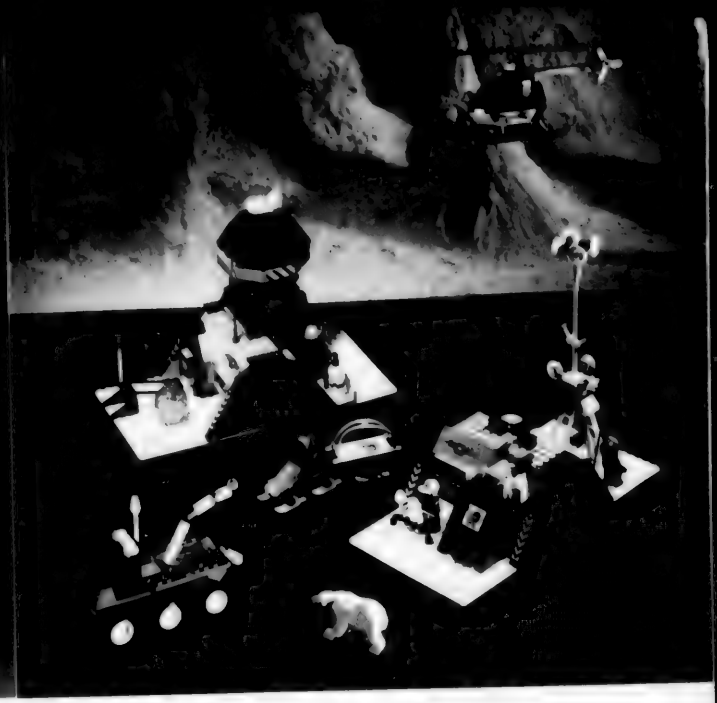
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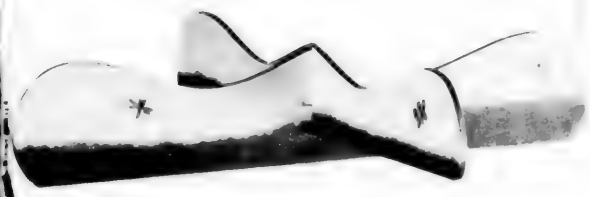


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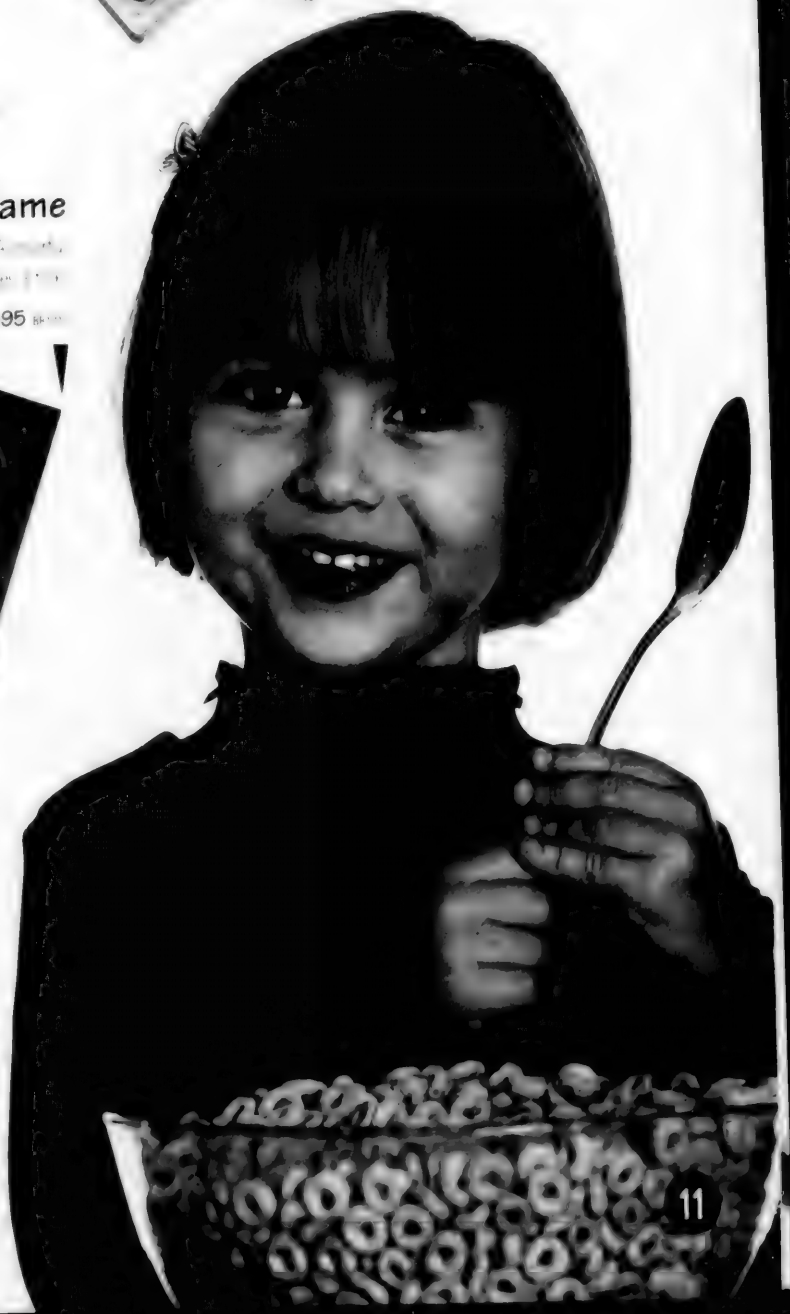
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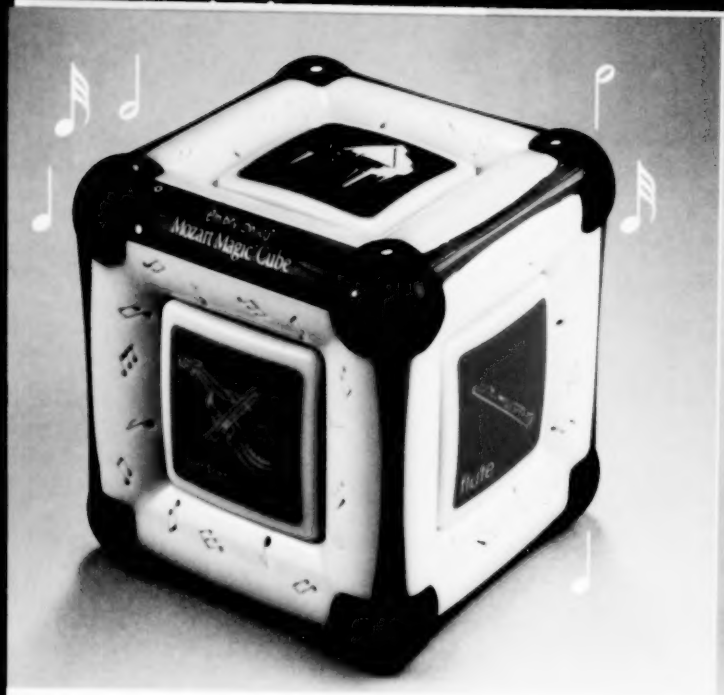
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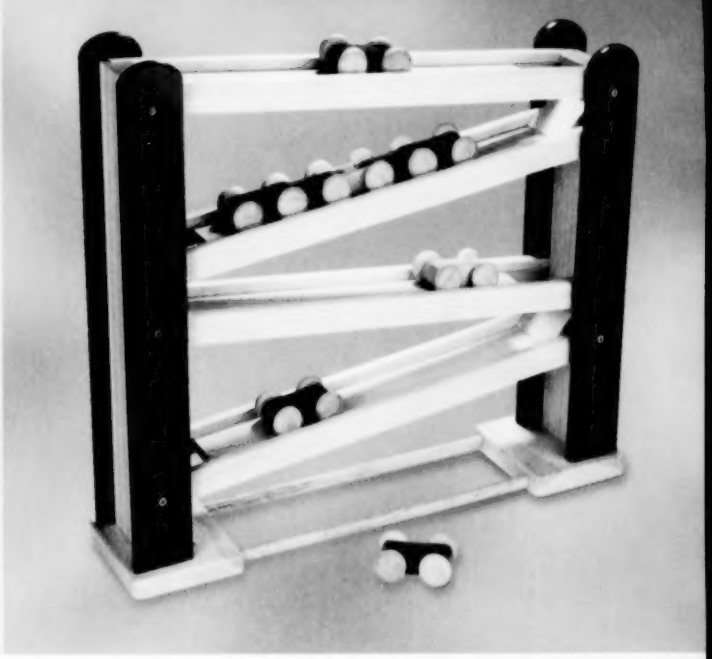
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